

Arabs urge EC to condemn Israel

BRUSSELS (R) — Arab League ambassadors here Friday urged the European Community (EC) to condemn the "brutal and murderous repression" by the Israeli army in Lebanon and to try to push for a faster troop withdrawal. In a statement based on a special league meeting in Tunis this week, the ambassadors also urged the bloc to speak out against Israel's recent transfer of 1,200 prisoners from South Lebanon to Israel, which they said contravened the Geneva Convention on prisoners' rights. Jordanian Ambassador Hassan Abu Naama told reporters he was surprised community leaders had failed to make a declaration on Lebanon among their many concluding political statements at last month's summit in Brussels. "Why has the civilised world been so quiet, why not even verbal support?" he asked.

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Kreiss reelected JMA president

AMMAN (J.T.) — Dr. Hassan Al Kreiss, the serving president of the Jordan Medical Association (JMA), was reelected for another term during the association's general elections Friday. Dr. Kreiss secured 577 votes out of a total of 1,312 votes cast, followed by Dr. Hassan Badran (517 votes), Dr. Abdul Rahman Mango (137 votes) and Dr. Jamil Qandah (less than 100 votes). The association was also electing nine members to serve in its executive council and a total of 34 had filed nominations. One of the candidates, Dr. Nidal Maraga, later withdrew from the elections. Dr. Salah Tira'ni was elected uncontested last week to represent one seat in the council to represent the West Bank. The results of the council elections were expected to be announced late Friday. The association has over 1,800 members.

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King, Queen visit French destroyer

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Jordanian Armed Forces, and Her Majesty Queen Noor Friday visited the French destroyer Jeanne d'Arc, currently anchored at Aqaba port as part of a tour of the region's countries. The King and Queen, who were accompanied by Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, were received at the ship by French ambassador to Jordan Alan Jacques de Sedouy and the ship's crew and senior officers.

House to hear cabinet statement on Wednesday

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Lower House of Parliament will hold a special session on Wednesday to hear a statement by the new government headed by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai on the cabinet's programme and plan of action. The statement, which is under preparation by the cabinet, will be submitted to the Lower House for debate and a vote of confidence. The House was originally scheduled to hear the statement on Tuesday, but postponed until next Wednesday upon the request of the cabinet, the Al Rai daily said Friday.

Albania rejects Soviet condolences

VIENNA (R) — Albania firmly rebuffed the Soviet Union Friday by rejecting Moscow's condolences on the death of the country's leader Enver Hoxha, an Albanian diplomat said. The spokesman for Albania's Vienna embassy told Reuters in reply to a question on the Soviet condolences telegram: "The message was sent back as unacceptable." Earlier, Albania said it would not be inviting foreign representatives to the funeral of Mr. Hoxha, a hard line communist who ruled his country with an iron grip for 40 years (Related story on page 8).

Thatcher visits India today

NEW DELHI (AP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher makes a brief but vital stopover here Saturday in an effort to assuage Indian anger over Sikh separatists in London, revive economic cooperation and seal major British arms deals. Mrs. Thatcher, arriving overnight from a two-day visit to Sri Lanka (See page 8), will hold talks with Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

OECD agrees on call for new talks

PARIS (R) — The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) agreed Friday to call for a new round of multilateral trade negotiations "as soon as possible." European Commissioner Willy de Clercq said. But a two-day council of ministers of the 24 non-communist industrial nations failed to agree a starting date for the talks, he said.

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Jordan, PLO agree 'next phase' in joint moves

Joint delegation begins tour of Arab, European capitals to discuss strategy

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
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AMMAN — Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) have agreed on "the next phase" in joint political moves towards solving the Palestinian problem after two days of intensive talks here on various levels.

A joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation arrived in Algiers Friday on the first leg of a tour which will include a number of Arab capitals to discuss "the next phase of joint moves on the Arab and international levels," official sources told the Jordan Times.

The sources, who asked not to be named, said the delegation which consists of Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, PLO Executive Committee member Abdul Razzak Al Yahya and Deputy Commander of the PLO forces and Fatah Central Committee member Khalil Al Wazir, will also visit European countries. The sources did not rule out a visit by the

delegation to the Soviet Union. The agreement on the future of joint political moves was reached after a series of meetings between His Majesty King Hussein, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and other officials.

King Hussein held a closed meeting with Mr. Arafat Thursday during which the two leaders discussed future Jordanian-Palestinian moves towards a settlement to the Palestinian problem and the situation in the Israeli-occupied territories, PLO officials said.

Mr. Arafat was earlier received by Prime Minister Rifai who reviewed with the Palestinian leader

"the overall situation" in the wake of the Feb. 11 accord between Jordan and the PLO.

The Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said after the three-hour meeting that "they agreed on a number of steps as a follow-up to the accord to be taken on the Arab and international levels."

The meeting was attended by Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Abdul Wahab Al Majali, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and Director of the General Intelligence Department Tareq Alseddin on the Jordanian side. On the Palestinian side, the meeting was attended by Mr. Yahya and Fatah Central Committee member Hani Al Hassan.

A PLO official, who declined to reveal further information, said Mr. Arafat was planning to hold a press conference to talk about it at the conclusion of his talks in Jordan.

Mr. Arafat is scheduled to leave Amman Saturday for Baghdad, Kuwait and other Arab capitals to discuss with leaders there the results of his talks in Amman.

Gemayel rallies behind Karami demands to end cabinet boycott

BEIRUT (R) — President Amin Gemayel has voiced support for a cabinet boycott by Prime Minister Rashid Karami, saying he hopes it will shock politicians into settling conflicts that threaten Lebanon with renewed civil war.

Mr. Gemayel's remarks were reported Friday by the press and radio reports amid sporadic fighting in the southern city of Sidon, where 60 people have died in 25 days of battles involving Falangist militiamen, Palestinian fighters and their supporters and army units.

The fighting has tied up poorly-equipped and thinly-strewn troops needed to take over the 300 square kilometre Nabatieh area southeast of Sidon, evacuated by Israeli troops on Thursday (See page 2).

A token force of 150 soldiers with one armoured vehicle who reached Nabatieh Friday from the Sidon area were greeted with showers of rice by residents who fear their region could be engulfed in the Sidon conflict.

Mr. Karami on Wednesday expressed anger at delays in execution of cabinet orders for extra troops in Beirut to be equipped with armour and sent to stop the fighting. He said he would attend no more cabinet meetings until the

problem was solved. "What the prime minister complains of is also the subject of complaint by the president of the republic," Mr. Gemayel was reported to have said.

He said Mr. Karami's boycott might be "a shock to all and an awakening for them to assume responsibility in these delicate and crucial conditions."

All Muslim ministers have backed the boycott, paralysing the year-old "national unity" government.

In Sidon, a U.N. relief agency said 33,000 of the 60,000 people made homeless by the fighting were refugees from Palestinian camps on the eastern edge of the city where the mostly Christian Falangist "Lebanese Forces" militia is shelling the camps and fighting army troops and Palestinian fighters.

The U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) said shelling had cut off its Sidon supply depots and forced it to evacuate its office for a school outside Sidon, and it was getting basic food supplies from Beirut to only half the refugees.

The fighting has coincided with a "Lebanese Forces" revolt intended to bait Mr. Gemayel's

Syrian-backed efforts at national reconciliation, arousing fears that other militias may respond by attacking the Falangists throughout south and central Lebanon, including Beirut.

Politicians say "Lebanese Forces" hardliners around Sidon are trying to force a canton around the nearby mostly Christian town of Jezzine with Israeli backing.

There are fears that rival forces could decide to drive the Falangists out of Jezzine in a repeat of the September 1983 "mountain war" in which fighters of the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) ousted 150,000 Falangists from the Shoub mountains above Beirut.

"Lebanese Forces" leader Samir Geagea had been in the area for a week trying to end the fighting, and local commander Nazari Najarian was believed to have already left for Beirut, a militia spokesman told Reuters.

Israelis to quit Tyre soon

Meanwhile, a security source in Beirut said Israeli troops are expected to start dismantling military installations round the port city of Tyre this weekend and to complete their pullout from the region about 10 days later.

Next battle will spell end of Iranian rulers, Iraqis warn

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq's press warned Iran Friday against launching a new offensive, and one paper said a new attack would lead to the downfall of Iran's rulers.

"The next round will not only bring an end to the war, but we will make it also the end of Iran's rulers," declared Al Thawra, the organ of the ruling Arab Baath Party.

"The (Iranian) army behaves like a gambler who lost too much, but continues to gamble in the hope of recovering his loss. In the end he will lose everything," the newspaper said.

Iraq's high command said Thursday it had evidence the Iranians were preparing for a fresh ground offensive but that "we have completed our preparations to counter the offensive and annihilate enemy forces."

Iran mounted a major offensive in the southern sector of the war-front last month but was later driven back.

The government's Al Jumhuriya stated: "We stress our legitimate right to defend ourselves, our country and our people's security with our special means, to force the aggressor to succumb to the will of peace."

Meanwhile, Iran ruled out a settlement of the war without "punishment" of the Iraqi government and said it might soon use a newly-invented missile.

President Ali Khamenei told thousands of worshippers at the weekly Friday open-air prayer meeting in Tehran that Iran had two conditions for ending the 4½-year-old war — "the aggressor must be punished and they must pay war reparations."

The renewed statement of Iran's conditions followed speculation in the West recently that Iran may have softened its demands and was no longer seeking the downfall of the Iraqi government.

Iran's Majlis (parliament) Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani meanwhile told government officials Iran had invented a new missile which "we might use in the next few days."

He said the new invention was "very precise" and could be launched at the push of a button, the national news agency IRNA reported.

Missiles fired by Iran so far were believed to take hours to set up for launching, according to diplomats here. The diplomats say Libya was the most likely supplier

of these missiles but informed Iranian sources quoted by Reuters said they were assembled in Iran.

At the United Nations, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Thursday the U.N. now is the only active channel of communication in efforts to end the Gulf war.

"There are other efforts, but I think at this stage it is only the U.N. that is working intensely in the sense of solving the problem."

Mr. Perez de Cuellar, who visited both Iran and Iraq last week, told a news conference.

He urged others that have tried to promote a settlement — these include the Non-Aligned Movement and the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) — to coordinate with the U.N.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar said he would report to the Security Council early next week on his talks with the presidents of Iran and Iraq and other high officials in Tehran and Baghdad last weekend but would make no recommendations for action.

"Before going to the area, I discussed with the parties some ideas, but I have not presented any plan," he said in response to a report that he had submitted eight-point proposals.



His Majesty King Hussein and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat hold talks Thursday (Petra photo)

Queen's U.S. tour aims at enhancing American understanding of Arabs

By John Rice
The Associated Press

Her Majesty Queen Noor starts a two-week speaking tour to the United States Saturday, saying she hopes to expand understanding of the Arab World and contribute to His Majesty King Hussein's drive for peace in the Middle East.

"The only purpose of these visits," Queen Noor said, "is to broaden understanding... I would hope, to such an extent it can contribute to making a difference in the efforts of King Hussein and others who are committed to peace in this area."

In an interview at the Nadwa Palace, the Queen said she would "stress the importance of the involvement of the international community, and particularly the United States, at this juncture" in the Middle East situation.

"I'll speak more specifically than people are accustomed to somebody in my position speaking," she said, "but that's because we think that it's important that we do communicate."

The Queen said she would not come as a Jordanian government official, "but as a concerned citizen, an individual and a patriot of Jordan, and someone who feels both bonds and responsibilities to both Jordan and my American heritage."

Queen Noor, a Princeton University graduate, was born and raised in the United States.

The Queen said of her trip: "This is a God-given opportunity... I have to try to bridge understanding between Jordan — and through her the Arab World — and the United States."

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said in Santa Barbara, California, where Mr. Reagan is on holiday, that "we will be responding more formally in due course."

A State Department official said he expected Mr. Reagan would send Mr. Gorbachev a letter.

The official made the comment when asked about statements by U.S. congressional leaders after their meeting with Mr. Gorbachev in Moscow Wednesday that the Soviet leader wanted a more thorough outline of Mr. Reagan's meeting proposal.

The official said Secretary of State George Shultz met Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin Wednesday night on the proposed Reagan-Gorbachev meeting or summit.

The 95-minute meeting at the Soviet mission broke a three-week pattern in the new superpower talks just 10 days before this round ends. The talks started on March 12 and will break for a recess on April 23.

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American Congress delegation leaves after talks with Hussein, Arafat

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AMMAN — A group of U.S. congressmen left Amman for Damascus Friday after a two-day visit to Jordan during which they held talks with His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and other Jordanian leaders.

The group also met with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat to find out more about the Feb. 11 Jordanian-Palestinian accord for joint action for Middle East peace.

In his meeting with the seven-member delegation headed by Mr. David Obey, the King urged the United States to hold a dialogue with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation and stressed the necessity of "encouraging the PLO to join the peace process," the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, reported.

The King reiterated his call for the convening of an international Middle East peace conference to be held with the participation of all parties involved in the conflict including the PLO, the two superpowers and the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

He told the delegation that the Feb. 11 accord was based on international law, U.N. resolutions and the Fez Arab summit resolutions which aim at achieving a just and comprehensive peace on the principle of exchanging land for peace with Israel.

Mr. Arafat, who arrived here Wednesday, received the U.S. congressmen at the Guest Palace late Thursday night but no details of the two-hour meeting were revealed.

A PLO official who asked not to be named said five congressmen and three aides took part in the meeting "but only Mr. Obey was identified during the meeting." The other two congressmen did not wish to attend, he said.

Another PLO official said the U.S. delegation was briefed during the meeting on the PLO's stance vis-a-vis the latest developments in the wake of the Feb. 11 agreement.

Mohammad Milhem, an executive committee member of the PLO, was quoted by the Associated Press as describing the discussions as "exploratory" and said they did not involve any offers in the peace process.

"They wanted to know what was going on... what's the next move... and what do the Palestinians expect," he told the international news agency in a telephone interview.

The congress delegation avoided journalists waiting outside the Guest Palace and again at their hotel Friday morning.

When the group left, one member, questioned about the talks through a car window, told Reuters: "It was long and interesting. We will talk later." The group was seen leaving the Guest Palace in a green mini bus. They met with U.S. Ambassador in Amman Paul Boeker before leaving for Damascus later in the day.

In addition to Mr. Obey, the Democrat chairman of the House of Representatives' Appropriations Sub-committee on Foreign Operations, the delegation included Matthew McHugh and Robert Mrazek, both Democrats from New York, Thomas Petri, a Republican, and Robert Kasenbaker, a Democrat, both from Wisconsin. Martin Sabo, a Democrat from Minnesota and Steny Hoyer, a Democrat from Maryland. But it was not known which of the congressmen attended the meeting with Mr. Arafat.

Congressman Mel Levine, who arrived on Wednesday, did not meet with Mr. Arafat but was received by the King and Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker.

Mr. Levine, a member of the House of Representatives Foreign

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Geneva negotiators hold special plenary session

GENEVA (R) — U.S. and Soviet arms negotiators Friday held a plenary session, grouping three teams on each side which are working to control nuclear and space weapons.

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Israeli forces pull out of Nabatiyeh Triangle

NABATIYEH, Lebanon (R)—The Israeli army has taken another step in its phased withdrawal from Lebanon, pulling out its forces from the so-called Nabatiyeh Triangle.

As the last tanks rumbled out of a near-deserted Nabatiyeh, helicopters wheeled overhead, dropping leaflets warning the population they would suffer stiff Israeli retaliation if guerrilla attacks continued.

The Nabatiyeh Triangle, a sparsely populated 300 square kilometre pocket of picturesque hill country, makes up three per cent of Lebanese territory but has been the scene of daily attacks on Israeli forces.

Israel, which at one point occupied a third of Lebanon, now holds about 19 per cent, according to army figures. Military sources said the redeployment Thursday along the Litani River placed the front line about 15 kilometres north of the border. In some places, the line is within five kilometres.

The harassment of Israeli forces

continued until the last minute. Only hours before the troops left, two katyusha rockets exploded near an Israeli outpost but caused no casualties.

"We are delighted to be leaving, delighted," the base commander told a small group of Israeli-based correspondents.

The pullback—the second since Israel in January announced it was withdrawing from Lebanon—means that some Israeli border settlements once again will be within range of commando katyusha rockets, military sources said.

Even so, Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who flew here by helicopter to watch the operation, denied the withdrawal posed an immediate security danger for Israel.

Mr. Rabin told Reuters that Israel intended to guarantee its security by establishing a buffer zone

along its northern frontier manned mainly by Israeli-backed Lebanese militia. He said there would be no permanent Israeli army presence in the proposed security zone.

Israel made no attempt to coordinate its withdrawal Thursday with the Lebanese army or any of Lebanon's factions, Mr. Rabin said.

Israel invaded Lebanon in June 1982 with the declared aim of driving Palestinian commandos out of rocket range and at one stage said it hoped it would be able to arrange a peaceful handover of territory it occupied.

Mr. Rabin said it was not Israel's fault this had failed. "I am afraid it is the tragedy of Lebanon," he said.

The Nabatiyeh Triangle, stretching northward from the Litani River, has an overwhelmingly Shiite population of 60,000 to 70,000, but many have fled the area in the last three years, and Thursday Nabatiyeh and surrounding villages were nearly empty.



PULLBACK: An Israeli Merkava tank rolling away from the edge of the inland market town of Nabatiyeh Thursday as the Israeli occupation army

completed its pullback from here. The pullback is part of the second phase of withdrawal of the Israeli army from south Lebanon (AP wirephoto)

Weizman arrives in Egypt on Monday

CAIRO (R)—Israeli Minister Ezer Weizman will arrive here on Monday for talks on relations between Israel and Egypt, Foreign Ministry sources said Friday. One topic is expected to be a possible meeting between the leaders of the two countries.

Press reports have suggested the possibility of talks between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

An Israeli spokesman said this week that Egyptian Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali had invited Mr. Weizman, who helped negotiate the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. Mr. Weizman is now minister without portfolio.

Relations between Egypt and Israel cooled when Cairo withdrew its ambassador from Tel Aviv to protest against Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon. But they have improved somewhat as a peace initiative by Mubarak in February led to high-level contacts between the two sides.

The Foreign Ministry sources said Egypt was in contact with the United States and Israel to discuss a date for a meeting on the fate of the disputed Sinai strip of Taba.

Egypt had suggested mid-April for the talks but Israel replied that this coincided with national holidays and suggested an alternative date.

Nabatiyeh inhabitants greet Israeli pullout with mingled relief, fear

NABATIYEH, Lebanon (R)—Inhabitants of this South Lebanese town greeted the sudden departure of Israeli troops Thursday with mingled relief and fear.

Crowds gathered after the last troop carriers rumbled south, some happily waving red-and-white Lebanese flags. Cars raced along country roads with horns blaring, flags waving.

But most people in Nabatiyeh milled about the main street, apparently dazed and uncertain about the immediate future.

There was an outburst of joy celebrating the end of the 35-month occupation, nor the frenzied jubilation that greeted Israel's departure from the southern city of Sidon in February.

This time, no Lebanese army troops entered behind the departing Israelis to ensure order. The army is pinned down in Sidon, 25 kilometres north west, where factional fighting has raged for the past three weeks.

"We fear that the spark in Sidon may spread and crush all peace in Lebanon," Nabatiyeh's Shiite Muslim Sheikh Abdul Hussein Al Sadek told Reuters as town notables met hurriedly to discuss ways of keeping the peace.

Representatives of Nabatiyeh's small Christian minority were at the meeting. Christians and Muslims said they had always lived in peace and wanted the army to guard the town from being drawn into sectarian conflict.

"We want to ensure equality for Christians and Muslims. We will ban all armed men from the town, and all attacks on the Israelis from liberated territory," a Muslim spokesman said.

"Only the Lebanese army should keep order here. We are waiting for the army."

But Nabatiyeh and 30 villages in a 300 square kilometre area the Israelis evacuated Thursday appeared to have been left in a vacuum, with no central authority to keep order.

There were no troop movements on the road from Beirut and Sidon, and no word that the government had ordered army units into the area.

Despite the evacuation, the region is still in the shadow of the Israeli army, now poised along the Litani River with its nearest outpost a village south of Nabatiyeh. "I think they will come back if anything happens," said shopkeeper Bashir Mokaddem. "They are only four kilometres away."

Nabatiyeh was a centre of resistance to the Israelis but no inhabitants bore arms Thursday. The only guns seen were carried by bodyguards of an official of the Shiite Amal militia who arrived to tour the town.

Sheikh Sadek said Amal was strong in nearby villages, but not in Nabatiyeh.

He said half the 40,000 inhabitants had fled Nabatiyeh in recent weeks because of increasingly tough security measures by the Israelis and their Lebanese militia allies.

He said militiamen shut up the town every night. "I left my house because it was badly shot up. They also began shooting during day time recently." Bullet holes showed on almost every wall in the town.

"We didn't dare watch as the Israelis left because they

machine-gun everything when they move," said one inhabitant.

At a new roadblock to the south, an Israeli soldier said it was "very good" to be out of Nabatiyeh, but he was sure Lebanese militias would soon move in to attack the Israelis.

"I hope we will be back in Israel soon," he said.

The Shiite Muslim "Amal" Movement has banned armed men from entering Nabatiyeh region of South Lebanon evacuated by Israeli forces.

A statement issued Thursday night by Amal's southern branch said "intruders" should be stopped from entering the area for "fatal show-off operations" against the Israelis.

Journalists earlier saw Amal militiamen manning a checkpoint on the road from Sidon to Nabatiyeh and searching cars for arms. "We should not permit Israel to commit massacres under the pretext of fighting terrorism," the statement said.

This was an apparent reference to punitive Israeli raids against Shiite villages after resistance attacks from areas the Israelis evacuated earlier this year.

"The Amal statement said the latest pullback was a 'booby trap' that positioned Israeli troops along a horse-shoe shaped line giving them 'freedom to move and strike quickly'."

It said resistance to the Israelis should be a "people's war" continuing "until the enemy is beaten up to the international border." This appeared to mean resistance should be restricted to areas still held by Israel.

2 coups reportedly foiled in Libya

WASHINGTON (R)—Dissident factions in the Libyan military have twice tried to kill Col. Muammar Qadhafi in recent weeks but both plots were foiled and dozens of officers executed, the Washington Post said Friday.

The Post, citing intelligence reports reaching the Reagan administration, said conservative officers tried to kill Col. Qadhafi early last month at a villa outside Tripoli.

The reports, which the Post said were considered reliable by administration officials, said as many as 15 officers may have been executed in retaliation.

A second attempt, reportedly an assault on a convoy in which the plotters thought Col. Qadhafi was travelling, took place within the last two weeks, the Post said.

At least 60 officers accused of conspiring in the plot were reported to have been executed. "I am aware of the report but we have nothing on it," said State Department spokesman Tim Krieger.

Col. Qadhafi, who has ruled the North African nation since 1969, survived an assassination attempt last May by exiled dissidents.

The Post said that the latest two attempts had been kept secret within Libya.

U.S. team leaves after talks

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Affairs Committee and the subcommittee for Europe and the Middle East, was one of the advocates for codifying former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's stipulation that the U.S. government would never bold talks with the PLO until the latter explicitly recognised Israel.

The U.S. administration insists it would not talk with the PLO, but the Congress, a separate branch of the U.S. government, is not bound by administration policies.

A group of congressmen met on April 4 with Hassan Abdul Rahman, a member of the PLO information office in Washington.

The meeting was arranged by a pro-Arab American congressman. The meeting Thursday came only a few days before U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy expected to visit Amman to explore the possibilities for eventual direct talks between Israel and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

The Congress delegation, which arrived Thursday, was also received by Prince Hassan, who briefed them on the situation in the Israeli-occupied territories and the developments in the area.

They were also met by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and Gen. Sharif Zaid. They were briefed on Jordan's stand vis-a-vis current developments in the region in the wake of the Feb. 11 agreement, and other issues of mutual interest.

Sartawi trial witness fails to identify accused as killer

ALBUFEIRA, Portugal (R)—

The principal witness at the retrial of a Palestinian militant charged with the 1983 murder of an Albufeira hotel lobby, he saw a man holding a gun standing by the hotel reception desk.

Abu Eishah said that as Dr. Sartawi was shot dead and he fell wounded in the 1983 attack in an Albufeira hotel lobby, he saw a man holding a gun standing by the hotel reception desk.

He also saw a different man running away past him. He said this looked like the same individual who appeared in a photograph shown to him.

Sudan coup was not premeditated, daily says

CAIRO (R)—Saturday's military coup in Sudan was not premeditated, the semi-official Egyptian daily Al-Ahram said Friday.

In a leading article by editor Ibrahim Nafieh, Al-Ahram said Sudan's top generals met on the eve of the coup to discuss ways to end street riots in Khartoum and decided the only way to save the country was to take control for an interim period.

He said deposed President Jaafar Numeiri, who stopped in Cairo on his way to Khartoum, was advised by Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak to return to Khartoum and try to strike a deal with the generals but that Gen. Abdul Rahman Swaroudah had advised against this for Mr. Numeiri's own safety.

Nafieh also said that shortly after news of the coup reached Cairo, Libya had sent 20 jet fighters to Addis Ababa and declared "boisterous" support for the new military junta "believing the new leadership was sympathetic to it."

Mr. Mubarak told reporters Friday that he did not rule out a visit to Sudan "at any possible time" but would prefer to wait until the situation there was quiet. Meanwhile an Egyptian minister said Friday Egypt will not allow deposed Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri to indulge in political activities from Cairo.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali, paying a two-day official visit to Singapore, told reporters that Egypt had established good relations with the new Sudanese military administration. Mr. Numeiri has been in Cairo since his overthrow last week.

"If he stays in Egypt he will be a political refugee. He cannot indulge in political activities from Egyptian soil. It is not known at this stage whether he will stay in Egypt or go to some other country," Dr. Ghali said.

"Egypt will continue its good relations with the new administration in Sudan. We will continue with our economic cooperation programme which we had with the Numeiri government."

Dr. Ghali, who held talks with Singapore Foreign Minister S. Rajaratnam, said Egypt would maintain support for demands by ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) for the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Kampuchea.

26 Palestinian refugees killed in Sidon fighting

VIENNA (R)—Some 26 Palestinian refugees were killed and more than 100 injured amid continuous fighting in the Sidon area in South Lebanon, according to a statement Friday by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) here.

It said the victims were treated in emergency hospitals set up by the agency which provides relief, health and education services for the two million registered Palestinian refugees in the Middle East.

Medical staff of the agency were also trading people in refugee camps in the Sidon area, the statement said.

UNRWA had to pull out its office of the city of Sidon because of heavy shelling and now operated mobile medical teams in the region nearby, where some 30,000 refugees were seeking shelter from the fighting, the statement added.

Hassan names new cabinet

RABAT (R)—King Hassan of Morocco has named a new 30-member cabinet from centre-right majority members in parliament, retaining Prime Minister Mohammed Karim Lamrani and 19 other ministers from his previous government, officials said.

Most of the key cabinet members were unchanged, among them Foreign and Information Minister Abdelatif Filali, Interior Minister Driss Basri, Justice Minister Moulay Mustapha Belarbi, Alaoui and two ministers of state without portfolio, Mohammed Bahini and Moulay Ahmad Alaoui.

The formation of a new government had been expected since a new parliament was elected for a six-year term last autumn. The cabinet differed from previous ones in that as many as 10 new faces were introduced, but its political orientation remained substantially the same.

The new team excluded the old-guard Istiqlal Party, whose leaders were the architects of Moroccan independence from France in 1956. Istiqlal had six ministers in the previous government, which had as its primary task the supervision of last year's parliamentary elections.

However Azzeddine Laraki, a former Istiqlal personality who was expelled from the party because of a dispute over his education policy, retained his post as education minister.

Istiqlal, which has 41 members in parliament, will now be in opposition, joining the Socialist Union of People's Forces (SUPF), the main opposition party and itself a radical offshoot of Istiqlal. The SUPF has 36 members in the 306-seat chamber of representatives.

Among the new posts created is that of minister at the premier's office in charge of relations with the European Community. It was given to Azzeddine Guesouss, former minister of commerce, industry and tourism.

His appointment reflects official concern over the implications of Spain and Portugal joining the Community, where their agricultural products compete directly with those of Morocco.

TV & RADIO

JORDAN TELEVISION	
MAIN CHANNEL	
06:00	Morning Programs
06:00	Sports
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06:00	Cartoons
06:00	Children's Programmes
06:00	Documentary
06:00	Jordanian Cinema
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06:00	Programme Review
06:00	News in Arabic
06:00	Local Programmes
06:00	Arabic Series
06:00	Programme Review
06:00	Variables Programme
06:00	News in Arabic
FOREIGN CHANNEL	
06:00	German Programme
06:00	French Programme: des chiffres et des lettres
06:00	L'ole des fans
06:00	News in French
06:00	la Penquile
06:00	News in Hebrew
06:00	Vietnam
06:00	Saturday Variety Show
06:00	News in English
06:00	Feature film: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
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06:00	855 KHz, AM & 99 MHz, FM & party on 95.60 KHz, SW
06:00	Light Music
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06:00	Morning Show
06:00	News Summary
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06:00	News Summary
06:00	Concert Hour
06:00	News Summary
06:00	Instrumentals
06:00	News Summary
06:00	Talking Points
06:00	Animal Vegetable Mineral
06:00	News Summary
06:00	Top Twenty
06:00	News Summary
06:00	Close-up with a News
06:00	The 15th Century A.H.
06:00	The Young Sound
06:00	News Summary
06:00	25 Years of Rock

WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS	
EXHIBITIONS	
06:00	Qumran book and paintings exhibition at Yamouk University.
06:00	An exhibition of Spanish national costumes at the Royal Cultural Centre.
06:00	Exposition on French marines at the Holiday Inn in Aqaba.
06:00	A painting exhibition by Spanish artist James Omer at Alia Art gallery.
06:00	An exhibition of works by Samer Tabbas, Omer Aluz, Omar Hamdan and Gulshan Saleem at Petra Bank art gallery.
06:00	French exposition on Biotechnologies at Yamouk University.
FRENCH FILM WEEK	
06:00	French film week at the Holiday Inn in Aqaba.
LECTURE	
06:00	Dr. Kinnier Wilson of the Faculty of Oriental Studies at Cambridge in England will discuss the "Arts and Archaeology of Syria."
CULTURAL CENTRES	
06:00	Royal Cultural Centre - Tel. 6610267
06:00	American Centre - 644371
06:00	British Council - 636147-8
06:00	French Cultural Centre - 637009
06:00	Goethe Institute - 641993
06:00	Soviet Cultural Centre - 644303
06:00	Spanish Cultural Centre - 624049
06:00	Turkish Cultural Centre - 639777
06:00	Haya Arts Centre - 665195
06:00	Husseini Youth City - 667181
06:00	Y.W.C.A. - 641793
06:00	Amman Municipal Library - 636111
06:00	University of Jordan Library - 843555
MUSEUMS	
06:00	Folklore Museum: Jewelry and co.

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10:30	Aqaba (RJ)
10:30	Dubai, Karachi (RJ)
10:45	Cairo (RJ)
10:45	Kuwait (RJ)
10:55	Bahrain, Abu Dhabi (RJ)
10:55	Dhahran (RJ)
11:20	Beirut (RJ)
11:20	Riyadh (RJ)
11:45	Singapore, Abu Dhabi (RJ)
11:50	Larnaca, Damascus (RJ)
12:00	Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Muscat (GF)
14:30	Kuwait (KU)
18:15	Baghdad (IA)
18:25	Athens (RJ)
18:30	Frankfurt, Copenhagen (RJ)
18:30	Paris, Damascus (RJ)
19:30	Cairo (RJ)
19:35	Rome, Damascus (AZ)
20:45	Tripoli (RJ)
21:00	Frankfurt (LH)
21:00	Cairo (RJ)
22:10	Baghdad (RJ)

DEPARTURES

06:20	Frankfurt (LH)
06:40	Cairo (RJ)
06:50	Beirut (RJ)
06:50	Aqaba (RJ)
06:55	Larnaca, London (BA)
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20:30	Kuwait (RJ)
21:10	Baghdad (RJ)
21:10	Jeddah (RJ)
21:30	Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ)
21:45	Cairo (RJ)
22:40	Larnaca, Bucharest (RO)

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Irish dollar	41.1/ 42.6
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Japanese yen (for 100)	159.4/ 160.7
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Lebanese lira	22.3/ 23.8
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Qatari rial	111.3/ 112.1
Saudi riyal	112.5/ 113.2
Swedish crown	44.7/ 45.1
Swiss franc	153.1/ 154.3
Syrian lira	110.3/ 111.3
U.A.E. dirham	494.7/ 498.7
U.K. sterling pound	405/ 407.5
U.S. dollar	129.6/ 130.6

WEATHER

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A slight drop in temperature is expected with northeasterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and calm sea.

Low/high temperature in deg.C	
Amman	12/26
Aqaba	14/28
Deserts	14/28
Jordan Valley	12/30

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 28, Aqaba 38. Humidity readings: Amman 35 per cent, Aqaba 12 per cent.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Alia inaugurates plastic art display

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Highness Princess Alia Friday opened a plastic art exhibition by the Spanish artist Jamil Omer and examined the 49 plates on display. The plates highlight the landmarks of Arab life and depict Arab civilisation and arts. Attending the inauguration were a number of government officials, members of the diplomatic corps in Amman and members of the public.

Arab, foreign premiers cable Rifai

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai Thursday received a number of congratulatory cables on his appointment as prime minister from the Kuwaiti Crown Prince and premier, the Bahraini premier, the Tunisian premier, the first deputy prime minister of Iraq, the Egyptian premier, the Algerian first minister, the Egyptian People's Assembly speaker, the Arab League secretary general and the prime ministers of Britain, the Peoples Republic of China, Japan, Spain, Nepal, Korea and Bangladesh.

Symposium on children starts today

AMMAN (Petra) — A symposium on the role of voluntary sector in meeting the needs of children and youth in Jordan, organised by the Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund (QAJSWF) in cooperation with the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), opens Saturday at the Amman Hotel. Working papers on the social, health and psychological needs of children will be discussed during the four-day symposium. Taking part in the event are representatives of various ministries and institutions in addition to representatives of 50 charitable societies throughout the country.

WAJ resources seminar concludes

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar on the development of human resources, held by the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) in cooperation with the World Health Organisation (WHO), concluded Thursday at the Royal Automobile Club of Jordan. The three-week course discussed subjects on the latest techniques and administrative methods adopted in the world. The WAJ president presented certificates to the 30 participants from the authority.

Majali stresses importance of ministry's educational policies

the most essential institutions in the country and one on which other institutions and departments depend. Therefore, implementation of the ministry's educational policies through the ministry's various committees is of vital importance, the minister said.

During the meeting, Dr. Arabiyat submitted a comprehensive report on the educational situation in Jordan and details about the functions of the various ministry committees.

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Education planning and coordination committee held a meeting Thursday to look into issues of concern to the development of the educational process in Jordan. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Abdul Wahab Al Majali chaired part of the meeting which was attended by the ministry's secretary general, Dr. Abdul Latif Arabiyat, and top ministry officials.

The minister spoke during the meeting underlining the importance of the ministry as one of

Al Al Bait president outlines foundation's research projects

AMMAN (J.T.) — A large number of Jordanian writers, journalists, scholars and intellectuals were briefed Thursday on the status, role and activities of the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al Al Bait) Foundation.

The audience heard from the foundation's president, Dr. Nasraddin Al Assad, about the projects being carried out and the Islamic encyclopaedia, the comprehensive index on Arab and Islamic heritage and manuscripts which are presently being com-

pleted by the foundation. The foundation has entrusted 99 Islamic scholars to conduct research work on these issues and others which would shed more light on Islamic civilisation, Dr. Assad said. Dr. Assad said that the foundation seeks to establish a bank of information which could be of benefit to scholars and researchers of Islamic civilisation.

He briefed the meeting on projects for publishing books on Al Aqsa Mosque and the treasures of Jerusalem and the foundation's plans in other related fields.

Omani heritage minister says cultural week was a success

AMMAN (J.T.) — Omani Minister of National Heritage Faisal Ibn Ali has voiced complete satisfaction and great delight with the success of the Omani cultural week held recently in Amman.

Speaking to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, before departure for Oman at the end of his six-day visit to Jordan, the minister paid tribute to the strong relations between Jordan and Oman and said that it is due to these close ties that the cultural week was so successful.

This was the first cultural week of its kind to be held outside Oman and the country plans to hold three functions to display its national heritage and culture in Sweden, Denmark and Finland during July of this year, the Omani minister said in his pre-departure statement.

During his visit, the minister was received by His Majesty King Hussein who, together with Queen Noor, inaugurated the Omani cultural event. Mr. Ali also met with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai and Minister of Information, Culture, Tourism and Antiquities Mohammad Al Khatib as well as other officials and key representatives of cultural institutions in Jordan.

Commenting on the cultural week, Mr. Khatib said that the Omani week is bound to strengthen Jordanian-Omani ties and he expressed hope that more cultural events will be held in Jordan. The Omani minister was seen off by Mr. Khatib and senior Jordanian officials.



Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai (centre), flanked by Minister of Transport Farhi Obeid (left) and Minister of Public Works Mahmoud Al Hawamdeh (right) Thursday addresses representatives of the transport sector during a meeting to tackle the problems of transportation in Jordan (Petra photo)

Officials brief international press team on Palestinian issue, refugee situation

By Sa'ad G. Hattar
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — An international press delegation, currently in Jordan on a fact finding mission, aims to get acquainted with the basic concept of the Palestinian question and hopes to gain first hand information about refugee conditions in the region, according to head of the delegation, Mr. Mahmoud El-Said from the United Nations.

He told the Jordan Times that during their stay in Jordan, the delegation is expected to meet Minister of Foreign Affairs Taher Al Massri and Minister of Information Mohammad Al Khatib. Mr. El-Said also said that they will visit the Jordan Valley as well as refugee camps in Jordan.

The delegation which came to Jordan at the request of the United Nations' Palestine Department, Thursday met with the under-secretary of the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs, Dr. Ahmad Qatanani, who spoke about the sufferings of the Palestinians following their displacement.

He spoke about Israel's violations of international laws, its settlement policies and the confiscation of Arab land to build settlements which he said now total 198, of which 22 were built in the

Jerusalem area. Dr. Qatanani spoke about the health conditions of the Arab population under Israeli rule and Israel's measures to close down the hospice hospital in Arab Jerusalem. He also discussed the closure of schools and universities, the demolishing of Arab homes and the "iron-fist policy" Israel adopts in its dealings with the Arab inhabitants.

He also spoke about a policy adopted by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) to reduce services to the Palestinian refugees as a result of the agency's budget deficit. He said that this constitutes a grave danger to the refugees and the Palestine problem in general.

The delegation members asked several questions on issues concerning refugees and heard replies from Dr. Qatanani on the Palestine question and the condition of refugee camps in Palestine and Lebanon.

The delegation members also met with Mr. Akram Zu'aiter, chairman of the Royal Committee for Jerusalem Affairs, and the committee's secretary general. The delegation were briefed on Israel's practices in Jerusalem and its drive to obliterate the Arab and Islamic cultural character of the city.

The delegation comprises a group of prominent journalists from different parts of the world: Mr. Marcos Wilson, an international news editor from a leading newspaper in Brazil; Mr. Alain Louyot, a reporter at the French newspaper "Le point"; reporter Vassilios Kavvathas from "Ta Nea" newspaper in Greece; Mr. Pusyaproya Dasgupta who is a columnist for several Indian newspapers; Mr. Roberto Fabiani, a member of the editorial staff at "Panorama" newspaper in Italy; senior writer Fumio Kitamura from Japan; editor-in-chief of a Romanian newspaper Mr. Adrian Ionescu; editor of "Le Soleil" newspaper in Senegal; Mr. Samy Chaupin; Spanish diplomatic correspondent Jose Virgilio Colchero-Sainz; British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) diplomatic correspondent Gordon Martin; foreign features writer at the Sunday Telegraph Peter Taylor; Robert Herguth from the United States and Miss Mary Ann Manalo from the United Nations in addition to the head of the delegation Mr. El-Said.

The delegation, which earlier visited Tunisia and Egypt, is expected to leave for Syria on Sunday at the conclusion of a 17-day tour. The mission is undertaken annually and is sponsored by the United Nations.

WHO experts, Health Ministry officials prepare report on medical cooperation

By Simonetta Carr
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — On Saturday officials from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Ministry of Health, who have been discussing past and future cooperation between WHO and the Jordanian government, will present a comprehensive and detailed report to Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh, according to Dr. Javid Ashmi, WHO consultant.

Dr. Ashmi said that this meeting, which is usually repeated every two years, has been reviewing programmes for 1985-86 and studying new health programmes for 1986-87, "particularly reviewing the implementation of national strategies for a 'Health for All' development of the health system based on Primary Health Care," he told the Jordan Times.

Dr. Eslemam Khatib, director general of the Primary Health Care Department at the Ministry of Health and head of the Ministry of Health team which attended the meeting, added that besides examining in details all these above mentioned factors, the participants at the meeting also discussed the various facilitating fac-

tors and constraints of such a process.

"WHO collaborative activities during the two coming years", he told the Jordan Times, "will be directed at overcoming the identified constraints and facilitating the development of an health system in Jordan based on a primary care approach."

He also explained that WHO is presently collaborating with the Jordanian government in several areas such as immunisation, control of communicable diseases, maternal and child health, manpower development and others.

Budget discussions

Dr. Ahmad Rafik Rustum, administrative officer for the Amman office of WHO added that, during this meeting, a budget for 1986-87 was also estimated, to be finalized soon. The participants at the meeting also discussed the methods which will be most suitable in order to reach the established goals, reaching a satisfactory agreement on these.

The meeting, which was held at the WHO offices in Amman, was attended by WHO local officials, a national team of four senior Ministry of Health officials, other ar-

chives from the Ministry of Health and a three member consulting team from the WHO regional office for the Eastern Mediterranean region, based in Alexandria.

The team, composed of Dr. Rex Bellington and Dr. Rangit Shawdri and headed by Dr. Ashmi, arrived in Amman on April 6th and left Thursday after visiting Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh and the undersecretary of the Ministry of Health.

Dr. Ashmi said that several WHO meetings on the same theme are being held at this time in the other 23 countries of the East Mediterranean region. This week, in fact, meetings are being held in Djibouti and Qatar as well, and Dr. Ashmi's team has been and will be attending meetings in other countries.

Dr. Ashmi said that the discussions at the meeting have been very friendly and cordial, and everything seems to indicate that the cooperation between WHO and the government in Jordan will continue on the same positive basis as in the past. He also expressed his team's satisfaction with the progress achieved so far in implementing WHO collaborative activities.

Prime minister stresses vital role of transport sector

Rifai: Transport problems must be resolved for any economic progress

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai Thursday emphasised the vital importance of the transport sector to the national economy and said that all constraints and negative elements will be removed to enable this sector to contribute effectively towards the country's progress.

Speaking at a meeting with representatives of the transport sector in Jordan, Mr. Rifai said that the transport sector plays an important role and is in fact one of the most vital economic sectors as it is the largest sector in terms of volume and operations. "We are not only talking about trucks and vehicles, but also about their relation to the economic concept and the transport industry," the prime minister said at the meeting.

Mr. Rifai said that the government will immediately start to tackle all problems impeding the development of the transport sector and aim to find lasting solutions to these problems with a view to ensuring continued development and progress.

In this concern, the government will open more roads to facilitate the transportation of goods over land and will soon embark on opening a road to run parallel to the Desert Highway to link Ma'an and Azraq, he said. This road is designed to shorten the journey by 88 kilometres, the prime minister said.

Mr. Rifai said that contacts are underway for opening another road between Sweimeh, in the Jordan Valley, and Aqaba in the south and added that the implementation and construction of this road will be entrusted to private companies.

Referring to the obstacles which the transport sector faces, especially at border posts, Mr. Rifai said that the government will immediately begin intensive contacts with neighbouring countries to overcome all these problems. He announced that a meeting which will group representatives of transit and transport sectors in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon will soon be held to discuss this issue and that contacts will be made with Saudi Arabia for the same purpose.

Transport committee

Mr. Rifai announced the formation of a committee representing the Ministries of Tra-

Main problems

Mr. Fayed said that the problems of the transport sector rev-

olve around the following issues, axial weights, licensing of vehicles which bear Jordanian and non-Jordanian licence plates and the transport tariff for charges on loads and shipments.

Mr. Fayed proposed that a committee be set up to coordinate matters between the transport sector and the concerned ministries and to conduct research on the fixing of axial weights which could later be introduced as an amendment to the land transport law. Another speaker was Mr. Shicwi Al Jam'ani, the director general of a company which supervises land transport in Aqaba. He called on the government to reconsider the axial weight system for trucks with a view to raising the weight limit and loads in order to help revitalise the transport sector and to end congestion and the accumulation of goods at Aqaba port.

Representative of the Jordanian-Syrian Land Transport Company, Mr. Bassam Qaqish, presented the meeting with complaints about the lack of maintenance on vehicles and regarding the problems which truck owners face when moving across Arab borders.

There then followed a general discussion on the transport situation and the measures which should be adopted to improve the sector.

The meeting was attended by members of a ministerial committee entrusted with handling financial, economic and planning problems in addition to Minister of Transport Farhi Obeid, Minister of Public Works Mahmoud Al Hawamdeh, Minister of Information Mohammad Al Khatib and other senior officials as well as the deputy governor of the Central Bank of Jordan.

After the meeting Mr. Fayed told the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, that he appreciates the government's initiative on this matter and hopes that the meeting will be the first step towards solving issues plaguing the transport sector in Jordan.

The transport sector, he said, is one of the most important sectors in the national economy and all efforts should be made to overcome the obstacles impeding its development. Mr. Fayed expressed satisfaction at the formation of an ad hoc committee which will handle the sector's problems.

Industrialists hold development discussion

AMMAN (J.T.) — Subjects connected with industrial and commercial development in Jordan were discussed at a meeting held at the Ministry of Industry and Trade under the chairmanship of the ministry's undersecretary, Dr. Ibrahim Badran.

Three important issues were taken up at the meeting which lasted two hours. The first issue was connected with the Jordanian-Egyptian trade protocol and Dr.

Badran informed the meeting of the details in the protocol and its implementation as well as briefing the meeting on matters concerning the various involved parties such as importers, exporters and banks. The Egyptian Nasr Imports and Exports Company, he said, will be in charge of implementing the Egyptian side of the agreement and the Jordanian Trade Centres Corporation will represent the Jordanian side.

Agreement has been reached that all articles of the agreement will be referred to the Jordanian Federation of Chambers of Trade.

The second topic discussed at Thursday's meeting was connected with the new "imports system".

The third topic concerned the setting up of an industrial fair at Marj Al Hamam by mid-June.

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High hopes and great expectations from the new government



Talking straight
Marwan Muasher

TWO WORDS can best describe peoples' reactions to the formation of the new government in Jordan: Hope and Expectation. There are several reasons behind these feelings, just as there are many reasons people are citing in their speculation on why Zaid Rifai was asked to form the government now, after over nine years outside office.

Regarding the latter point, some say he is to revive an economic situation in deep recession. Others cite Mr. Rifai's political skills and status as needed qualities in any peace efforts aimed at resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Whatever the case, it can be said that people in general feel they can breathe a little easier with this government. There is optimism in the air, not only because of the above cited reasons but also because of the feelings that Mr. Rifai is a reasonable, educated, open-minded man someone whose

views would be reflected in the policies of his government.

Indeed, the structure of the new government has signs that already add substance to this optimism. Among them: Seven of 23 ministers are members of parliament. This is a very healthy sign, for it shows that the government is indeed serious about listening to the desires of the people. And while it can be argued that the present parliament is not the 100 per cent true representative of the people (the last general elections were held 18 years ago), it can also be argued that the concept of including so many parliamentarians in the government is by itself a positive step. One can expect in the future better understanding between parliament and the government.

The creation of a ministry for parliamentary affairs is another step in the evolution of our parliamentary process, and indicates that the new government will take parliament

more seriously. Such a ministry should smooth out communication between government and parliament.

The new ministry of higher education is another constructive step. Such a ministry will not only concern itself with supervising community colleges and universities but also with devising a clearer higher education policy. The appointment of an able, open-minded intellectual as Dr. Nasruddeen Al Assad at its helm only adds to the optimism that the education policy will be properly revised.

While these and other measures continue to fill our hearts with hope, there are other concerns that people have, and expect this new government to take action on.

Mr. Rifai was outside the government for nine years. During this time, he continued to be active publicly, voicing his opinions on domestic and

international affairs, often in disagreement with earlier governments. He, and many of his colleagues who did the same inside or outside parliament, must have at times felt the frustration coming from a lack of full freedom of expression of thought.

Mr. Rifai probably appreciates more than anyone else what it means to sustain a democratic dialogue between government, parliament and people. He surely knows the importance of having a government sensitive to the opinions of the general public.

It is thus that we expect that under Mr. Rifai, the government will adopt more liberal policies in the field of freedom of expression. The ghost of censorship which looms over newspapers, threatening them with closure when they write anything contrary to official policy should be lifted. People should be allowed to voice their opinions freely through

the mass media without being labelled as anti-patriotic.

The mass media's primary objective should be to give information to citizens as objectively as possible. Mr. Rifai, on the other hand, does not need a daily empty praise for his government, neither from the state radio or TV, nor from the newspapers.

We want our newspapers to be more analytic and objective in presenting news. We want to know exactly what goes on inside parliament sessions, regardless of where members stand on the issues. We want to read candid articles in all local newspapers, and not only occasionally in this newspaper or any other.

One could go on and on, but one can never overstate the importance of a free press, something Mr. Rifai surely knows does not exist at present. Hope has surfaced again that under this government, restrictions of all kinds will be

relaxed.

In other arenas, two particular laws come to mind. These were taken against the clear will of the majority of the population. They are the education and passport laws. The first has introduced a controversial examination to be administered prior to the secondary stage, and the second requires the approval of the General Intelligence Department before issuing passports to citizens living abroad.

Without going into the details of whether or not such laws serve the good of the country, the way they were passed, against massive popular opposition, left the impression that the government then acted insensitively to the opinions of many. Laws as important as these, affecting society as a whole, should be given ample discussion time, particularly in parliament, before they are passed. Care should also be taken to incorporate, or at least

take into consideration, opposing views. We do hope that the new government will take a second look at these and other controversial laws.

One cannot expect miracles from this government. But there is a lot of work to be done on several fronts. What is needed at the present stage is a feeling of trust, of confidence that the government has it within itself to improve things. I believe that feeling is already there. And while few doubt that the government will pursue more liberal economic policies, it remains to be seen whether it will also match those liberal policies in the equally important arena of citizens' rights.

Yes, we have high hopes for this government, but only because we also have great expectations from it. Perhaps our greatest hope is that the future will not lower our present expectations, or dampen our current spirits.

Child's stuff from JTV

By J.H. Boteler

FIRST THINGS first. "Vietnam" (tonight 8:30), starts into its detailed study of that grisly war with "France in Vietnam, 1945-1954". After the defeat of the Japanese in 1945, the French colonial rulers returned to Vietnam, expecting to maintain the pre-war status-quo. But Ho Chi Minh and the Vietnamese Communists were determined to prevent that, and began guerrilla operations against them. Despite American aid, the French found it increasingly hard to maintain their hold on the country. The feature film at 10:15 is a glorious wallow in blood, guts, and tacturnity. "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly", starring Clint Eastwood, Eli Wallach and Lee Van Cleef. The man with no name, equipped with a lethal six-shooter, a poncho, and an equal proportion of cigarillos and one-word responses, teams up with a disgusting Mexican bandito to discover a hoard of stolen loot. There are just two problems: the loot is in the middle of a civil-war battleground, and the arch badgie Lee Van Cleef is also after it. Full of vivid action scenes, hilarious one-liners, this, the third and indisputably the best of the Sergio Leone spaghetti westerns, was the vehicle that really rocketed Eastwood to international stardom. The cast is an international one, and an amusing diversion is to see how many of the actors have their English lines dubbed on.

Tomorrow (Sunday), "History of Television" at 9:10, preceded by "Full House" at 8:30. And at 10:15 an old favourite of mine, "Scarecrow and Mrs. King". This fine comedy cum cop show is to be appreciated all the more now that we have "Hawaiian Heat" on Monday at the same time. Now this is sheer dross. One of our heroes is built like a concrete bunker, but with less intelligence, while the other has a puppet's mouth; the lower jaw moves up and down independently of the rest of his face. His mouth also appears to be crammed full of marbles: practically every word he says is completely unintelligible. Except, unfortunately, when he's composing one of his eternal letters to his father in his head. He never seems to actually manage to get them down on paper: he probably

can't write. I never thought I'd say this, but already I'm beginning to miss "Hardcastle and McCormick". Also on Monday there is "Guitarra!" at 8:30, and "George Washington" getting more and more disenchanted with the English at 9:10. He probably doesn't realise the English philosophy as espoused in "The Last Place on Earth": "Every uninhabited place on Earth belongs by right to Britain". To prove this, and in order to discover the effects of frostbite on the brain Captain Scott will strap on some old tennis-rackets and stride off into the frozen wastes on Tuesday at 9:10. At 8:30, on the same day there is "Tripper's Day", and at 10:15 another feature film: "The Million Dollar Rip-off", in which Muff Novak, a young electronics genius, plots a complicated payroll robbery with his gang of four women. All masters of disguise, using the public transport train system to make their getaway. Wednesday has the obnoxious Howard as "The Boulder" at 8:30. "The New Pacific" at 9:10, and a real gem of a play at 10:15, "Hedda Gabler", starring the superb Glenda Jackson as Ibsen's headstrong and co-strained heroine, whose impulsive nature and crushing marriage propel her and those around her inexorably towards tragedy.

Thursday has "Charles in Charge" at 8:30. "All the Rivers Run" at 9:10, and "Dempsey and Makepeace" at 10:15. Finally Friday has "Moving" at 8:30. (Is this supposed to be a comedy?), Miss Marple slowly unravelling the twisted passions of rural England at 9:10, and "Hot Pursuit" hotting up at 10:15.

Now the reason that I've ripped through all that is not only because I'm hopelessly late for my deadline, as usual, but I think that it is time, in the words of a gentleman in "Love is a Many Splendored Thing", to "let us drink tea and talk of absurdities". Well, not absurdities exactly, but all those new children's programmes on Channel 3. For a start there's a wealth of new cartoons, one of which, "Meatballs and Spaghetti", can be seen this afternoon at 5:10. Meatball and his wife Spaghetti, along with Clyde, Meatball's best friend, and Woofie,

Spaghetti's dog, are a band of musicians in search of a place to perform. They travel from town to town on their special bus, equipped with all the necessities of home, including a hot tub! Their adventures are usually schemes dreamed up by Meatball to create an audience for their music, like wrestling sharks, masquerading as vampires, or driving a motorcycle on a tightrope stretched across the Grand Canyon. The antics also include Meatball's ongoing war of nerves with Woofie, and the inept and stupid Clyde managing to louse everything up. At 6:00 there is "Safari to Adventure" which, as the title suggests, is all about the wild animals of Africa and elsewhere, and 6:30 has more people making fools of themselves in "Candid Camera".

On Sunday there is "That's Incredible" at 6:00, preceded at 5:10 by another new cartoon, "Puppy's New Adventures". Peter the puppy, searching the World for his owner Tommy, is aided by a variety of canine gang of friends: pretty Dolly, wise Duke, speedy Dash, and the strong Lucky. The combination of their natural abilities allows them to accomplish great deeds and to overcome tremendous dangers, which await them and Tommy's family on their travels. A probable children's favourite will be Clyde, whose amazingly long ears enable him to fly.

However, if your taste runs more to flesh and blood actors, then perhaps "Going Bananas" (Monday, 5:10), is more for you. The star of this programme is called J.R. an orangutan, who plays Roxanna Banana, an ape-who has been invested with extra-terrestrial powers by some space-meo who fell in love with her. Now, wherever she finds wrongs to be righted or injustices to be overcome, Roxanna Banana doesn't monkey around. (Ho, Ho). With the help of her adoptive teenage brother and sister, and their grandmother, she'll use every power that she has to set things straight. Sharing the half-hour will be "Animal Channels", which hilariously combines songs by such groups as Police, David Bowie and Jethro Tull with the fun-filled actions of a marvelous menagerie of real animals. At 6:00 there are further episodes of "Gimme a Break", and at 6:30

a series of programmes on "Rivers".

Tuesday has all the old Disney stalwarts in the "New Mickey Mouse Club" at 5:10 and "Silver Spoons" at 6:30. This is the humorous and touching story of how a young, level-headed boy takes on the eccentric, filthy-rich father he has never known in an attempt to make himself less of a kid and more of an adult, and vice versa. At 6:00 on Wednesday one of the world's most successful children's classics comes to life in "Curious George". For forty years the inquisitive little monkey George, created by Margret and H.A. Rey, has captured the hearts of children all over the world. Scrupulous attention has been paid to the faithful translation of the spirit of the original books, so that the joyous qualities which have delighted children and won the approval of parents and teachers for decades, (over 25 million copies in print), are maintained.

At 5:10 on Thursday, "Pac-Man" zips off the video-game screen and onto the TV. Pac-Man is a happy-go-lucky, comically round fellow who is accompanied by his wife, Ms. Pac, a peppery liberated lady, the energetic Baby Pac, Chomp Chomp, a loveable dog, and Sour Puss, their shy cat. They live in a round little house with wavy picket fences, and which is part of Pacland, a pretty pastoral world composed of brightly glowing dots. There is also Pac-Junior, (who prefers to be called P.J. because that's cool), and is Pac Man's fast talking, free-wheeling cousin who often drops in on the Pac family. He is a charming young teen but his wacky ways drive Pac Man wacko. Poor Pac Man also has to contend with Super Pac who is as vain as he is powerful. He comes in handy in emergencies but usually has to be pried away from admiring himself in the mirror to attend to the urgent matters at hand. And urgent they often are, because Pac Man is security guard of the power forest where the power pellets are found on which the Pac Landers thrive. The evil villain Mezzmaron is coodally trying to steal these pellets, but his comical ghost monsters Icky, Blinky and Pinky, Clyde and Sue always manage to bumble the mission and run the risk of being gobbled up by Pac Man and his cronies.



Airlwolf helicopter from MCA TV International's "Airlwolf"

Among a whole host of English-speaking programmes on Fridays, two are worthy of special mention. At 3:00 there is "Punky Brewster". Her name comes from the nick-name "Spunky", which she couldn't quite pronounce as a little kid. And spunk is what she's got plenty of, for this independent-minded, resourceful little girl manages to maintain a cheerful outlook on life in spite of adversity. Abandoned by both parents, she's been living with her puppy in a vacant apartment in Chicago, until Henry Warmington, the manager found her there. Crusty old Henry was used to living alone — and liking it — but some inner sense told him that there was a nice kid who needed help, and a home. Now Punky's come to stay

and she's brightening everyone's lives. Young Cherie Johnson from next door has become almost her unofficial sister.

For the next two weeks, "Knight Rider" continues at 3:50 on Fridays, but after that it is replaced by "Airlwolf". After the super-car, we have the super-helicopter. Capable of supersonic speeds, invisible to radar, armed with ultra-modern firepower, "Airlwolf" is the most awesome aerial weapon ever developed. It can hide in a shadow, go from hover to mach 1 in seconds, unleash its rockets and missiles before it is heard, and then disappears like a silent wolf into the night. At least it can't talk! There's only one problem with this super-duper piece of hardware: there's only

one man in the world who has been trained to fly it. Stringfellow Hawke is a reclusive ex-Vietnam chopper pilot who is recognised as the best man to ever turn a rotor-blade. When not flying as a stunt-pilot, he lives a poetic existence high on a mountain. When Airlwolf is stolen from its military test centre, the president sends Hawke to recover it. Having done so, he refuses to hand it back until he is provided with satisfactory information from the government on the fate of his brother, listed missing-in-action in Vietnam for fourteen years.

Since we are on the subject of absurdities, there are also all those little short programmes slotted in between the 8:30 and 9:10 programmes on Channel 6. The art and culture series of Canadian Films, (a couple of weeks ago it visited Venice) on Monday, "Health Beat" on Tuesday, and "Towards 2000" on Thursday. Or those other shorts, at 7:45 after the News in Hebrew, "Sports School" on Saturdays, "Energy Solar Research" on Sundays, "Flight Against Hunger" on Mondays, "Olympic Sports" Tuesday, "Fun with Physics" Wednesday, "Management" on Thursday, and "Science World" on Friday. There's also several "Varities" spoils throughout the week, when I live in hope of catching sight of the delectable Nena. If you can't find something somewhere to watch and enjoy, then I despair.



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McEnroe, Wilander ousted on night of WCT upsets

DALLAS (R) — A sluggish John McEnroe, the world's top player, crashed to a straight-sets defeat Thursday night on a night of upsets in the World Championship Tennis finals tournament.

McEnroe, the defending champion and top seed, was stunned 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 by Sweden's Joakim Nystrom before a noisy Dallas crowd that had already seen Tim Mayotte of the United States oust fourth-ranked Mats Wilander of Sweden 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4).

Mayotte and Nystrom meet in one of Saturday's semi-finals. Second-seed Jimmy Connors plays fellow American Aaron Krickstein and Czechoslovakia's third-ranked Ivan Lendl faces Swedish teenager Stefan Edberg to decide the other semi-final pairing.

McEnroe, the current U.S. Open and Wimbledon Champion, offered no excuses. "I just couldn't get going," he said. "I was a step slow all evening. It was like I had glue on my sneakers."

McEnroe never managed to handle the quick serve of the nimble Nystrom. His only break coming in the third set. To compound his problem, he committed an incredible 54 unforced errors and scored with only 50 per cent of his first serves.

By contrast, Nystrom had only 16 unforced errors, made 76 per cent of his first serves and often

left McEnroe flat-footed at the net with pin-point passing shots.

Nystrom, who had won just six games in their only previous meeting, amassed that many here in the first set, which he won on one service break.

Both players held their serve throughout the second set. McEnroe wasting a chance to tie the match when he let three set points slip through his hands in the 10th game.

McEnroe displayed his only real flash of temper when, trailing 5-6, he served an apparent ace which was nullified when a judge called a

foot fault. Apparently rattled, McEnroe gave the set away when he slapped a backhand shot beyond the baseline.

During the intermission he hauled off his shirt and slumped barfed in his chair.

Nystrom showed no signs of letting up in the third set, gaining a quick break to move 2-0 ahead before losing his only service game of the night.

The Swede restored his advantage to go 4-2 up when McEnroe netted a backhand, then built up a 40-love lead in the ninth game.

McEnroe's hopes of a third successive title disappeared when another backhand struck the net cord and bounced wide of the court.

Qatar defeats Jordan in World Cup qualifier

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's hopes of qualifying for the 1986 World Soccer Cup finals faded Friday when they were defeated 2-0 by Qatar in Doha (halftime score 0-0).

Goals by Ali Zeid and Adel Jallal in the 53rd and 78th minute respectively put Qatar on top of Asian Group I Sub-Group A with 4 points, leaving Jordan and Iraq to share second on two points. Iraq

having a game in hand.

Remaining matches in the group are Iraq v Jordan (April 19) and Iraq v Qatar (May 5).

Jordan defeated Qatar 1-0 in Amman, and were beaten by Iraq 3-2 also in Amman in earlier qualifying matches.

Meanwhile in Kuwait, Syria stayed on top of World Cup Sub-Group 2A by drawing 0-0 with Kuwait. Other member of the group is North Yemen who are bottom of the group with no points.

Jordan Tennis Open scheduled for May 10

By P.V. Vivekanand
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The fifth Jordan Open Tennis Championship tournament will be begun on May 10 at the public tennis courts of Al Hussein Sports City, the Jordan Tennis Federation (JTF) announced Friday.

The tournament, which offers cups to winners of men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles, are open to players of all nationalities and ages, JTF Secretary-General Ishaq Jarallah said.

The seven-day event, sponsored this year by Dunlop, will start at 2 p.m. every day from May 10, and the public tennis courts have floodlights in case of necessity, Mr. Jarallah said.

The closing date for entries is May 6 and entry forms are available from the JTF office in the Sports City, he said. The JTF charges JD 3 per entrant per event but an individual can take part only in two events.

The JTF will choose referees for the tournament from both Jordanian as well as foreign tennis experts, Mr. Jarallah said.

Mr. Jarallah recalled that in the 1984 championships over 120 enthusiasts took part and Abdallah Khalil emerged as the winner in the men's singles and Ms. L. Crocker was adjudged winner in the women's singles.

"Last year's participation was very much multi-national," Mr. Jarallah said. "There was quite a good number of Germans, Britons, Americans, Koreans, and we hope this year would see a larger number of participants."

"Enthusiasm for tennis has been growing in Jordan over the years, and we have quite a good number of players," he said.

The Open championships are the most prestigious annual event in Jordan for tennis players, Mr. Jarallah said and expressed hope that teams from various tennis associations in the Kingdom will be taking active part in the forthcoming event.

Jepson wins autotest

By a Jordan Times
Staff Reporter

AMMAN — David Jepson driving a Talbot Sunbeam Friday won the second autotest in Jordan's rallying season this year, closely followed by George Haddad

in a Toyota Starlet and George Khayyat in a Datsun.

The autotest, part of the National Rally Championship, saw an unprecedented number of 53 drivers taking part, especially that regulations governing the event did not call for specially equipped rally vehicles.

Pervine Mseis, behind the wheel of a Toyota, and Randa Nabulsi, driving an Alfa Romeo, came first and second respectively in the women's class in Friday's event.

The autotest, which did not involve co-drivers, also included honours for the manufacturers of cars that came first, second and third and these prizes went to Talbot, Toyota and Datsun respectively.

Youngsters to be banned from adult competition, ITF says

PARIS (R) — Players under the age of 16 may be banned from competing in adult tournaments next year, International Tennis Federation (ITF) President Philippe Chatrier said Friday.

"It is becoming too dangerous for the young's physical and psychological health," said Chatrier after a two-day meeting of the ITF management committee.

Chatrier said the proposal would be put to the ITF general assembly next July and was likely to be adopted.

The ITF president said he knew of players, girls in particular, who join the professional circuit as early as 13 and are fed up with tennis or physically worn-out at

20. Chatrier declined to give names, but Andrea Jaeger and Tracy Austin spring to mind as former teenage prodigies whose careers have been interrupted because of injury.

Chatrier also said an ITF Davis Cup committee had ruled that umpires would be entitled to suspend a player for the remainder of a tie because of bad behaviour in future.

At present, a substitute can replace a suspended player. "This will no longer be the case," Chatrier said. "This measure will strengthen the umpire's authority." Chatrier also said that all Davis

Cup matches will start no later than 16.00 local to avoid a late finish.

Last month's first round tie between Paraguay and France in Asuncion ran long after midnight and was marred by violence and recrimination after the home team's 3-2 victory.

Chatrier said matches should now be stopped at midnight unless both captains agree to continue playing.

The ITF also registered its 120th member, the Fiji Islands, during the meeting and Chatrier announced that an Africa zone would be created next year in the Davis Cup.

Britain's Smith favourite for Boston race

BOSTON (R) — Defence champion Geoff Smith of Britain is the odds-on favourite to win the 89th Boston Marathon on Monday, although his victory may be somewhat hollow since most world class runners will miss the race.

The directors of the world's oldest major marathon have refused to offer prize money, an inducement now used by many other big races to attract top runners.

Consequently, most big-name competitors are skipping the Boston race for more lucrative contests elsewhere, and the field of some 9,000 entrants is considered thin.

Past winners Toshihiko Seko of Japan and Americans Greg Meyer, Alberto Salazar and Bill Rodgers all refused to compete in Boston because of the lack of prize money.

The Boston Athletic Association did bow to the times this

year by agreeing to pay hotel expenses for the top 20 runners, but Rodgers said the change was too little, too late.

"I ran Boston 10 times for nothing," said Rodgers, who won four times. This year he is running in a new event, the New Jersey marathon on May 5, because it pays money prizes. "The sport is changing," he said.

Smith, 31, said he was not thinking about the lack of top runners. "I'm just going out there and run the hills, the flats and see what comes," he said.

The former fireman from Liverpool won his first Boston marathon decisively by more than four minutes last year, fighting a rainy headwind over the entire course to record a time of two hours, 10 minutes and 34 seconds.

His toughest rivals now could be Kevin Ryan of New Zealand, Finn Eisa Tikkonen or Americans Dan Dillon and Mark Anderson.

Dillon and Anderson are better known for cross-country running. Dillon will be running only his second major marathon.

One of Smith's strongest challengers was banned from the race on Thursday because he is a citizen of South Africa.

Mark Plaatjes of Johannesburg had listed his address on his application form as Malibu Beach, California, and said he was a citizen of Namibia.

But The Athletics Congress (TAC) of the United States ruled he was a citizen of South Africa, and so could not compete, in accordance with an International Amateur Athletic Federation's ban imposed as a protest against apartheid.

Plaatjes asked for an exception to the ban because he is black, but a TAC spokesman said the rules explicitly forbid any South African citizen from participating in the event.

Everton, Liverpool in top form for F.A. Cup semifinals

LONDON (R) — Holders Everton go into Saturday's English Football Association (F.A.) Cup semifinal against Luton with striker Andy Gray back in the attack. Gray missed the European Cup Winners' Cup tie against Bayern Munich on Wednesday with a knee injury. The former Wolverhampton man has been in fine form recently, with two goals in Everton's 4-1 defeat of Sunderland last week.

His presence should leave Luton

even more hard pressed to hold a side unbeaten in 20 games.

Even without midfielder Kevin Sheedy, who has failed to shake off an injury, Everton's ability to slot in players like Kevin Richardson and Alan Harper should give them the edge.

Luton's talented but unpredictable England man Ricky Hill has recovered from a knock he suffered in a league game on Monday and is one of manager David Plear's hopes of springing a

surprise. Although the tie is being played on neutral ground at Aston Villa, Goodison Park, the home of Everton, will still be full to overflowing.

The other semifinal between Liverpool and Manchester United is being held there — with history on United's side.

In seven previous F.A. Cup meetings Liverpool have only won once, in 1921, and four victories by United since 1945 include the final itself in 1977.

Liverpool's full-back Alan Kennedy and Scottish international Steve Nicol are close to being fit again, but manager Joe Fagan will not be too unhappy if he is forced to continue with Sammy Lee and Ireland international Jim Beglin.

Both played a telling part in Wednesday's European Champions Cup 4-0 defeat of Panathinaikos. Beglin scoring a memorable final goal.

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One sterling	1.2530/40	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3640/50	Canadian dollars
	3.0625/55	West German marks
	3.4635/65	Dutch guilders
	2.5730/80	Swiss francs
	61.64/71	Belgian francs
	9.3450/3550	French francs
	1960.03/0	Italian lire
	251.25/40	Japanese yen
	8.9275/9375	Swedish crowns
	8.8450/8550	Norwegian crowns
	10.9750/9850	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	331.00/331.50	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities rallied to close firm following the half point cut in base rates to 12 1/2 per cent by Barclays and Midland. But trading remained quiet as the three week Easter account drew to a close, dealers said.

The FTSE 100 share index at 1430 GMT Friday was up 1.5 at 1,270.8.

Firmer sterling, however, saw companies with large exports easier with ICI down 5p at 742 and Glaxo 10p lower at 1,068. Blue Circle rose 8p to 493 while Hawker Siddeley jumped 26p to 437 following better than expected annual results.

North Americans were firm and golds ended below their highs. Government bonds gained up to 1 1/16 point on the base rate cuts and firmer sterling, and initial demand saw the 10 1/2 per cent exchequer 1997 stock "taplet" exhausted and the 9 1/2 per cent conversion 2003 stock "taplet" supplied.

Banks tended to drift from their opening levels due to lack of interest with Natwest down 2p at 572 after 577 while among firmer insurers Pearl added 30p to 1,028, recovering from its recent weaker trend.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR SAT., APRIL 13, 1985

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A wonderful Saturday for you to get into the world of activity and to uncover new and advanced ideas and methods by which to make your dreams come true.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have some unusual ideas that can be made successful if you go after them in a positive way. Enjoy social activities.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You can enjoy the limelight in an unusual fashion, so get at this early. Make an impression on the right people.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Be with exciting persons who can make the future brighter and more interesting for you. Take a trip to garner data.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Study your bills and other obligations and find a better way of making them work for you.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Forget all that pride and prejudice and be more willing to listen to what others have to say. Rest up tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You can get into those outside affairs now for which you have had little time and thoroughly enjoy yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) If you show enthusiasm for entertainments others want you to get into, you can have a marvelous time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Do whatever makes your home more attractive and functional and please those who dwell with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You find it easy to get your views across to others in the morning, so communicate with all types of individuals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Finances and real estate should be first on the agenda today and you understand how to make progress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have fine ideas and are dynamic today, so project them and don't be shy. Group activity can be helpful.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Find better ways and means of improving your lot in life and be sure to bandle private matters well. Spend a romantic evening.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have the ability to comprehend and carry through with very modern conditions and vocational endeavors, so send to the most modern schools for best results during the lifetime. Give spiritual training early.

THE Daily Crossword by William Luttwak

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Shultz calls for world plan to promote growth

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. secretary of state Mr. George Shultz called Thursday for an international action programme to bring sustained, non-inflationary world economic growth.

He said in a speech at Princeton University in New Jersey: "This programme of action calls for many hard decisions, but they are the right decisions."

He declared: "We stand on the threshold of what can be, if all governments meet their responsibilities, a long period of global expansion and a new era of unprecedented prosperity."

To achieve this, he said, the United States must cut its federal deficit, Europe must remove obstacles to investment, Japan must cut its trade surplus and developing countries must allow foreign investment to expand their trade.

Mr. Shultz said the obvious path to worldwide growth was the liberalisation of trade but countries would have to rectify basic financial imbalances to sustain international recovery.

He said the United States must cut its federal deficits, which might endanger U.S. economic recovery, and it should boost domestic savings to reduce reliance on foreign investment.

He said the high level of domestic saving in Japan, on the other hand, meant the Japanese bought too few of their own products, creating the country's trade surplus which last year amounted to \$44 million.

The pledge by Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone to open Japanese markets to foreign investment was encouraging, he added.

Mr. Shultz said Japan must deal with its savings-investment imbalance, possibly by encouraging more foreign and Japanese investment, to correct its trade surplus.

West Europeans should reduce obstacles that stifled investment and sent it elsewhere, mainly the United States.

Mr. Shultz said developing countries, particularly those heavily in debt, must stabilise their economies by cutting government spending, setting interest rates that encouraged domestic saving, expanding exports and inviting foreign investment.

People must be able to see pro-

spects for real growth before they would support these difficult adjustments, he said.

"Economic expansion, fuelled by increased investment and exports, is the only way these countries can raise living standards for their people," he added.

U.S. raises pressure on hidden trade subsidies

Meanwhile, the United States stepped up pressure Thursday for a crackdown on hidden export subsidies at the annual ministerial council of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) held in Paris.

U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker urged the 24-nation organisation of non-communist industrial states to agree specific measures should be fully in force by the next OECD ministerial.

Mr. Baker told finance and trade ministers attending the two-day conference.

British Trade Minister Paul Channon told reporters London strongly backed the move to curb mixed credits, which combine development aid with bank loans to subsidise commercial exports to developing nations.

"The United Kingdom position is that we would like to get rid of mixed credits altogether," Mr. Channon told reporters.

OECD officials said a drafting group are working on a compromise that could satisfy the U.S. and Britain on one side and France — the main user of mixed credits — on the other.

A confrontation between Paris and Washington over the use of mixed credits has soured U.S. trade relations with Europe for more than a year.

France says mixed credits direct aid to sound development projects. The U.S. says French aid funds are being used to drive U.S. exporters out of foreign markets. Delegates at the ministerial

council said a compromise proposed by Swedish trade official Mr. Axel Wallon could finally resolve the long-running dispute.

The Wallon compromise would as a first step raise the minimum aid element in mixed credit packages to between 25 and 30 per cent and set up an improved information system to prevent cheating.

The present minimum is 20 per cent, and the U.S. has proposed 50 per cent to ensure that mixed credits are for aid rather than commercial purposes.

Although Mr. Wallon's proposal falls well short of U.S. wishes, OECD officials said it could prove acceptable as it calls for progressive further action to curb commercial mixed credit deals.

Split emerges in EC over trade, finance link

On the other hand, a split emerged in European Community (EC) ranks at a meeting of top Western ministers Thursday after a call by the bloc's trade commissioner for linked talks on trade and international monetary and financial problems.

The rift came after a statement by Commissioner Willy De Clercq set three conditions for joining in a new round of world trade talks sought by the United States — including the holding of parallel negotiations on monetary and financial issues.

But Dutch Finance Minister Ono Ruding told reporters later that many of the 10 Community member states disliked the idea of a formal link between monetary and trade talks.

Mr. De Clercq said the Community was in principle ready to agree to a new round of talks to reduce trade barriers.

But its conditions for participation were that the talks should be a solution to the problem of Japan's huge trade surplus with the Community, and that there should be "parallel efforts" in monetary and financial talks.

British and West German officials also said Mr. De Clercq appeared to have gone beyond the Community's position agreed at a meeting last month.

Although all 10 members agreed that there was some linkage



George Shultz



Hans-Dietrich Genscher



Willy De Clercq

between trade and monetary matters "many will be shy to admit a formal link," Mr. Ruding said.

The Dutch minister, who chairs the International Monetary Fund's policymaking interim committee, also said he doubted whether that committee would accept a formal link between trade and monetary measures.

A number of countries have called for changes in the world monetary system in limit the wild fluctuations on currency markets caused by the volatile movement of investment and speculative funds.

Mr. De Clercq said credibility required that the trade negotiations should be on a well-defined agenda, agreed in advance with all participants, including newly industrialised and developing countries.

It also required that undertakings to limit or roll back protectionism, already agreed in previous trade rounds, should be honoured, he said.

Parallel monetary and financial talks could be carried out through the International Monetary Fund or the World Bank and should aim to stabilise the dollar and lower interest rates. Countries running massive budget deficits should bring them under control, he added in a clear reference to the U.S.

OECD officials said Mr. De Clercq's statement gave important backing to French demands for an international monetary reform conference, and was a setback for U.S. hopes that an early date be set for trade talks to start.

Mr. De Clercq made clear the community regarded a date for the talks as secondary and would not be rushed into hasty agreements.

"The fact is trade talks will last a long time ... and the parallel talks also will not be finished in a few weeks," he said.

Mr. De Clercq said U.S. threats to launch bilateral talks outside the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in the absence of multilateral talks through the Geneva-based body could endanger the whole free trade system.

"That could be the beginning of a jungle system which initially might benefit the strong but would end by hurting everybody," the former Belgian finance minister said.

U.S. Treasury Assistant Secretary David Mulford declined immediate comment on the Community position.

Officials said the meeting opened with a discussion of aid and debt problems in the developing world and looked at ways to compensate for a dramatic fall in commercial bank lending to debtor countries in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

IMF forecasts indicated that net new commercial loans to the least developed countries were likely to fall to about \$2 billion this year from \$12 billion last year and \$86 billion in 1981, they said.

Mr. Baker said IMF efforts to promote economic policy improvements in developing countries had helped to maintain commercial bank lending to nations that were making adjustments. But the only long-term solution to debt and development problems was sustained growth in the debtor countries, he added.

Genscher says West has not done enough

West German Foreign Minister

Hans-Dietrich Genscher told the OECD Thursday that Western countries have not done as enough to alleviate world debt problems.

While the debt situation for several East Asian and Latin American countries had improved, the situation in sub-Saharan Africa had vastly deteriorated, Mr. Genscher said.

"A year ago we pledged here to bring about non-inflationary growth, to strengthen the multilateral system of trade by eliminating protectionism, and to secure a progressive expansion of our trading and financial relations with developing countries," he said.

"We have achieved this goal only in part ... this is particularly regrettable since we all have a great interest in expanding markets for our industries," he added.

He said West Germany was anxious to see a new round of the GATT begin as soon as possible, and that he strongly supported the U.S. government's rejection of calls for import levies.

"What are needed are efforts to push back protectionism," he said. "Import quotas and levies must be opposed. They ease the situation of domestic industries only superficially."

At a briefing for journalists, Mr. Genscher complained of the difficulty experienced by European farmers in exporting finished meat and dairy products to the United States.

If meat and milk were produced in West Europe as the result of importing animal feed from the U.S., he said, it was only logical to demand that the American market be open to the resulting finished products.

Dollar may be heading downwards

LONDON (R) — The dollar put in another lacklustre performance on the world's foreign exchanges Friday, with technical support failing to quell worries about the ability of the U.S. economy to continue rapid growth.

After dropping sharply Thursday and falling further in Asia, the American currency made up a little ground in Europe as dealers balanced their books ahead of the weekend.

Friday's Frankfurt fix of 3.0640 marks was still more than 3 1/2 pence below Thursday's level, however, and most dealers believe the dollar is still heading downwards.

"The U.S. economy is slowing down," Mr. Anthony Ngai of

Chemical Bank in Hong Kong told Reuters, pointing to Thursday's announcement of the biggest drop in U.S. retail sales for more than seven years. "Basically, sentiment is bearish towards the dollar," he added.

The weakness of the dollar against newly resurgent sterling prompted two of Britain's four major banks — Midland and Barclays — to cut their base lending rates to 12 1/4 per cent from 13 1/4 per cent.

News of the cuts sent the pound below \$1.25 briefly, but the British currency soon recovered to \$1.2535 by midday, up just over half a cent on Thursday night's

close. British monetary authorities are anxious not to see interest rates in London fall too fast for fear of precipitating another crisis of confidence in sterling.

But the National Westminster's chief economist, Mr. David Kern, forecast in the bank's economic and financial outlook published Friday that British interest rates should fall to around 10 per cent in the final months of the year.

The announcement Thursday that U.S. retail sales fell by 1.9 per cent last month and remarks from a senior government official that the U.S. might now find four per cent growth hard to attain this year are weighing heavily on the dollar.

These factors, combined with problems in certain sectors of the U.S. banking industry, make it unlikely that the American banking authorities will feel able to raise U.S. interest rates.

The dollar has fallen sharply since the end of February from a 13-year peak against the mark, but many observers — including U.S. secretary of state Mr. George Shultz Thursday — have said they believe it still to be overvalued.

Mr. Robert Stovall, senior vice-president of the U.S. securities firm Dean Witter Reynolds, told share analysts in Frankfurt Thursday that he expected the dollar to stabilise at around three marks and at \$1.45 against sterling.

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Abu Dhabi to continue borrowing from local banks

ABU DHABI (R) — A senior United Arab Emirates (UAE) finance official said in an interview published Thursday the emirate of Abu Dhabi would continue to borrow from local banks to finance expected budget deficits in the next two years.

Abu Dhabi, the largest of seven emirates making up the UAE, borrowed 1.5 million dirhams (\$407,600) from the National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD) to finance its 1984 deficit.

The emirate projected expenditures last year at 21.72 billion dirhams (\$5.9 billion) and revenues at 20.2 billion (\$5.48 billion).

"The government will borrow

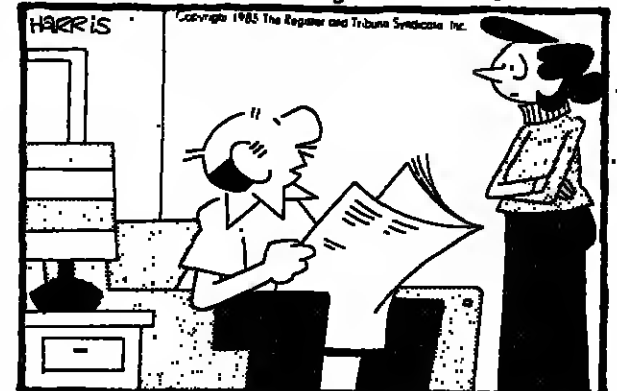
from the local market especially the NBAD to correct the deficit," Abu Dhabi finance department chairman Mr. Mohammad Habroush told the semi-official paper Al Itihad.

Mr. Habroush said he expected the UAE to offset the 1984, 85 and 86 budget deficits "by improving productivity."

Mr. Habroush said high dollar interest rates had caused an outflow of cash but said the government would not impose any restrictions on investors.

Statistics issued by the central bank said about 20 billion dirhams (\$5.43 billion) were sent abroad in 1984 compared with around 10 billion (\$2.7 billion) in 1983.

THE BETTER HALF. By Harris



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Reagan: Soviets exploiting U.S.-European differences

LONDON (R) — President Reagan Friday accused the Soviet Union in an interview of trying to exploit and whip up differences between the United States and Europe in an effort to weaken the West's defence capability.

Mr. Reagan told the Times of London that the call this week on Washington by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to agree a freeze on the deployment of medium-range missiles was part of a Kremlin campaign to drive a wedge between the United States and its European allies.

Mr. Reagan dismissed Moscow's criticism of his Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) project for space defence, popularly dubbed Star Wars.

He said the Soviet Union possessed the world's only operational anti-ballistic missile system and was continuing research in the field in contravention of arms treaties.

"Our allies know the truth. We have consulted closely with them

on the nature and purposes of SDI. They know that it is a research programme designed to provide the technical basis that would allow a future president to develop advanced systems to defend against ballistic missiles," Mr. Reagan said in the interview in Washington.

Mr. Reagan, who has invited Mr. Gorbachev to a meeting, said the summit would be an "opportunity to clear the air and express our desire to have a relationship that would eliminate this great (nuclear) threat that seems to hang over the world."

He said such a meeting was unlikely to bring about a "turning point" in relations between the superpowers.

"I can't see that... there would

be a great change of direction" because of Mr. Gorbachev's leadership, he said.

The U.S. president said any major change in Moscow's foreign policy would only be possible through a collective decision by the Soviet Union's top leaders in the politburo.

Meanwhile, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Thursday the Soviet Union may be preparing to violate a 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty and the U.S. Star Wars defence is essential for Western security.

In a speech prepared for the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Mr. Weinberger said the Soviet Union is spending far more than the United States on laser and other high technology research to destroy incoming missiles.

"These activities seriously suggest that even now the Soviet Union may be preparing to break out of the ABM (anti-ballistic missile) treaty by establishing an ABM defence of its national ter-

ritory," he said.

The 1972 treaty restricted deployment of anti-ballistic missile defences.

Mr. Weinberger said that while the Soviet Union was condemning President Reagan's Star Wars proposal as "destabilising", it was working simultaneously on its own missile defence system.

Mr. Reagan has asked Congress for \$3.7 billion for research for Star Wars.

"Indifference on our part in the face of these ongoing Soviet strategic defence activities would in all likelihood be far more destabilising and far more threatening to Western security interests than our present research," Mr. Weinberger said.

He said U.S. Star Wars research must continue as a hedge against Soviet deployment of strategic defences — "a development which could seriously undermine the essential East-West military balance which has kept the peace."

White House councils to be consolidated

SANTA BARBARA, California (AP) — President Reagan says he is consolidating seven White House policy-making councils into two cabinet-level agencies dealing with economic matters and domestic policy affairs.

The president will be chairman of both panels, but in his absence they will be headed by two of his former top White House lieutenants, Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III and Attorney General Edwin Meese III.

The restructuring reflects the management style of Donald T. Regan, the new White House chief of staff. Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes said Thursday.

The two new agencies — the Economic Policy Council and the Domestic Policy Council — will replace seven existing, sub-cabinet groups: The cabinet councils on commerce and trade, economic affairs, food and agriculture, human resources, legal policy, management and administration, and natural resources and the environment. The two also will absorb the functions of the senior inter-agency group on international economic policy.

Defence and Foreign policy matters will continue to be handled by the National Security Council.

Vice President George Bush and Mr. Regan will serve as ex-official members of both councils. The secretary of defence and the head of the CIA will attend council meetings whenever international or budget matters are discussed, a White House statement said.

Albania mourns death of Hoxha

VIENNA (R) — Albania is mourning its leader Enver Hoxha, who died Thursday after steering the secretive Balkan state through four decades of Stalinism and rifts with Moscow and Peking.

Flags flew at half-mast in central Tirana's Skanderbeg Piazza, where the funeral for the longest-serving leader of the Communist World will take place on Monday.

President Ramiz Alia has been named as head of a funeral commission, indicating that he may soon succeed Mr. Hoxha as Communist Party leader.

A week of mourning was declared for Mr. Hoxha, who died of heart failure at the age of 76. His body will lie in state at the Hall of the Presidium of the National People's Assembly from Friday.

The official communique announcing his death hailed him as

"the greatest historical figure of our people" and analysts of Albanian affairs said his passing would have shocked the country's 2.7 million people.

Mr. Hoxha had ruled Albania since 1944, when he emerged as leader of wartime resistance against German and Italian occupation. He led Albania through friendships first with the Soviet Union and then with China but broke with both.

The Soviet Communist Party has sent a message of condolence to Albania on the death of Mr. Hoxha.

The brief message, published on the front page of the official newspaper Pravda Friday, was addressed to the Albanian Communist Party and said the Soviet Party Central Committee expressed "deep sympathy".



Enver Hoxha

Europe's artificial heart patient may walk soon

STOCKHOLM (R) — Europe's first artificial heart patient, who received a plastic and metal heart on Easter Sunday, has been sitting up on the edge of his bed and is likely to walk soon, his doctor has said.

Professor Bjarne Semb, head of the team which implanted the U.S.-designed heart at Stockholm's Karolinska Hospital, told reporters there had been no complications and the patient was in such good condition that he could probably have walked Thursday.

"We are going to test the heart's portable drive unit but we will keep the patient in intensive care for the moment," Prof. Semb said.

"The next step will be to have him move around."

The hospital still refuses to name the patient in accordance with his wishes but a Stockholm lawyer has identified him as Leif Stenberg, 52, a businessman who faces criminal charges for tax evasion.

Stenberg's heart, known as the Jarvik-7, has been operated by a stationary air compressor since it was implanted. The portable unit, which is the size of a camera bag, will enable him to move around.

Prof. Semb said the recipient was showing better progress than many patients recovering from normal heart surgery, partly due to his enormous will to live.

Neves undergoes seventh operation

SAO PAULO (R) — Brazilian President-Elect Tancredino Neves is undergoing surgery for the seventh time in 28 days, presidential spokesman Antonio Brito has said.

The operation was needed to remove a new infection in the 75-year-old politician's abdomen, he said.

"The doctors had no alternative but to undertake a new operation," Mr. Brito said. "This operation is to explore and clean the abdominal cavity because in the last few hours all the tests showed an aggravation of the infection process."

"In consequence there was an aggravation in the state of health of the president," Mr. Brito said.

Mr. Neves entered the operating theatre at the heart institute here at 11:30 p.m. (0230 GMT) in what presidential sources described as a very grave condition.

In the last few hours Mr. Neves's condition had worsened and since nightfall he entered a phase of crisis as the bacterial infection soared, Mr. Brito said. This had affected his heart and breathing rate, boosting his blood pressure and temperature.

After a series of new tests Thursday night the medical team decided an operation was the only solution, Mr. Brito said.

Thatcher commissions Sri Lankan dam amid security

KANDY, Sri Lanka (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, heavily guarded against Tamil guerrillas, Friday commissioned a \$200 million dam project, Britain's biggest single overseas aid scheme.

Authorities stepped up security for Mrs. Thatcher's visit after two attacks by Tamil guerrillas in the last 48 hours claimed 25 lives, according to government figures.

Mrs. Thatcher, on a six-nation Asian tour, flew by helicopter from Colombo over jungle-clad hills to the Victoria Dam on the Mahaweli River outside Kandy in central Sri Lanka and the inauguration ceremony passed off without trouble.

Her government contributed \$140 million for the huge arch dam and hydro-power station which will irrigate an extra 112,000 acres (45,000 hectares) of land and generate one-third of Sri Lanka's electricity needs.

A consortium of British contractors built the dam on the side of one built 2,000 years ago when an ancient civilisation first started irrigation.

The new dam rises 122 metres above the riverbed, higher than the dome of St. Paul's cathedral in London.

Mrs. Thatcher hailed the inauguration as an historic moment in Sri Lanka's development and told President Jayewardene: "Together we have created this mighty work, which will stand for decades as a sure sign of what friendship and cooperation can achieve."

Overtaking of Spanish abortion law sparks row

MADRID (R) — Spain's constitutional tribunal has ruled that a 1983 law legalising abortion in specific cases is unconstitutional, sparking a bitter political row.

The ruling Socialist Party reacted angrily to Thursday's decision but government officials expressed confidence that the law could be revised to meet constitutional requirements.

The court ruled that the 1983 law, which permitted abortion in cases of rape, danger to the mother's life and foetus malformation, did not adequately protect "the right to life and to physical and moral integrity" guaranteed under the constitution of Spain, a predominantly Roman Catholic country.

It said abortion itself was not unconstitutional but that the current law did not conform to the constitution.

A government spokesman told Reuters that a revised law would



DISCOVERY GETS OFF: Space shuttle Senator Jake Garn among its seven-member crew. Discovery thunders into orbit Friday, carrying U.S. (AP wirephoto)

Ortega lambasts Reagan proposal

MANAGUA (R) — President Daniel Ortega has told world leaders that a proposal by President Reagan to end Nicaragua's guerrilla war admits U.S. involvement and is based on the law of the jungle.

Mr. Ortega said in a letter to heads of state in Latin America and Western Europe that the proposal last week constituted "diplomatic interference in the affairs of a sovereign state."

The letter, made available to reporters Thursday night, said the proposal was a recognition that Washington "is carrying out a war against Nicaragua through a mercenary army it organised."

"To accept this ultimatum would be nothing else than to accept the law of the jungle in international relations," Mr. Ortega added.

In an apparent attempt to win congressional approval for \$14 million in aid to Nicaraguan rebels, Mr. Reagan told Managua's Sandinist government that U.S. aid for the rebels would not be

used for arms on condition that the Sandinists started peace talks with opponents.

Washington has already provided some \$80 million in arms to the rebels, known as Contras, but Congress cut off aid last year.

Mr. Ortega said the United States had tried to win support for his proposal from the Contadora Group — Mexico, Panama, Venezuela and Colombia — now holding a two-day meeting with Central American officials in Panama City.

"Nicaragua is confident that the member of the Contadora Group will maintain the principles on which the peace initiative is based," Mr. Ortega said.

In Tegucigalpa, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick said during a visit that the proposal represented efforts by Mr. Reagan to find a peaceful solution to the civil war in Nicaragua.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick told a news conference U.S. support for the

rebels was justified because a great deal of external military aid was continually pouring into Nicaragua.

A U.S.-born bishop serving in Nicaragua said Thursday night armed men whom he presumed to be right-wing rebels slightly wounded him and his driver when they ambushed his car in the northern province of Matagalpa.

Salvador Schaefer told reporters here armed men fired and threw grenades at the vehicle Thursday in a remote area about 200 kilometres north of Managua, wounding him in the arm and leg.

"I heard several explosions and the driver lost control of the car," he said.

Schaefer, who is based in the Atlantic coast town of Bluefields, said the men approached and he told them who he was.

"I asked them to help me to get the car moving but they said they had to leave immediately. For this reason I presumed they were Contras (rebels)," he said.

Poll: 33 per cent of Americans confused about U.S. support in Vietnam War

NEW YORK (AP) — Ten years after South Vietnam fell to the Communists, one third of those questioned in an ABC News-Washington Post poll did not know which side the United States supported in the Vietnam War.

Twelve per cent of the 1,505 adults interviewed in a national poll taken March 21-25 incorrectly said the United States supported North Vietnam. Another 21 per cent said they didn't remember or didn't know that the United States backed South Vietnam. Sixty-seven per cent cor-

rectly answered the question.

A Companion Poll was taken March 15-24 of 1,249 Vietnamese veterans who served on active duty between August 1964 and June 1975, shortly after the war ended with the takeover of Saigon by the Communists. Saigon is now called Ho Chi Minh City.

Of the veterans sampled in the poll, two-thirds served in Vietnam or in the Vietnam theatre of operations.

Sixty-one per cent of the vets said "yes" when asked if they had a "clear idea of what the Vietnam War was about."

Thirty-seven per cent of the vets said they didn't know clearly what the war was about. Forty-one per cent of the adults polled also said they had a "clear idea" of what the war was about. 57 per cent said "no."

Asked if American troops fought in a worthwhile war, 57 per cent of the vets said yes, 41 per cent of the adults polled also said yes.

Thirty-seven per cent of the adults polled also thought the war was not worthwhile.

Left may win Peruvian elections, poll says

LIMA (R) — An alliance of two left-wing parties is favourite to win Sunday's general elections in Peru which will take place in the shadow of growing economic troubles and an offensive by anti-government guerrillas.

Opinion polls show the coalition of the Social Democratic American Popular Revolutionary Alliance (APRA) and the Marxist United Left (IU) is likely to win a

majority of seats in congress.

The polls said the two parties' leaders, APRA's Alan Garcia and Alfonso Barrantes of the IU, were ahead of the seven other candidates in the presidential contest.

The 8.3-million electorate, unhappy with declining living standards, is expected to turn away from the ruling Conservative Popular Action (AP) Party of Pre-

sident Fernando Belaunde Terry, which controlled congress up to now.

According to the polls, economic decline aggravated by rebel sabotage, floods and a foreign credit squeeze had caused AP's slump from 45 per cent of the votes in the 1980 elections which brought Mr. Belaunde to power after 12 years of military rule.

Chilean junta approves Beagle treaty

SANTIAGO — Chile's military junta has approved a treaty settling its century-old Beagle Channel sovereignty dispute with Argentina after a last-minute hesitation by Navy Commander Admiral Jose Toribio Merino.

At the end of a special session of the junta which lasted 100 minutes, Foreign Minister Jaime Del Valle told reporters that only three of the four members has

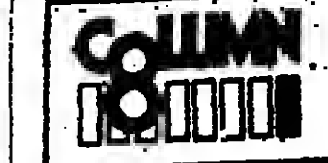
approved the treaty and that Adm. Merino had asked for more time.

Twenty minutes later, after reading a Foreign Ministry reply to his queries, Adm. Merino signed the treaty which will become law once it is promulgated by President Augustino Pinochet.

The treaty, which has already been approved by the Argentine parliament, was drawn up after

five years of negotiations at the Vatican following a mediation offer by Pope John Paul which averted war between the South American neighbours at the end of 1978.

It confirms Chilean sovereignty over three small islands at the mouth of the Beagle Channel at the southern tip of the continent, but large areas of sea claimed by Chile go to Argentina.



S. Arabia, Bahrain physically linked

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia and Bahrain were physically linked for the first time as the last concrete section of a multi-million dollar causeway across part of the Gulf was lowered in place, Bahrain's official Gulf News Agency reported. The 25-kilometre causeway is due to be completed and formally opened by the end of the year. Construction is being carried out by the Dutch group Ballast Nedam under a contract worth \$546 million. The causeway links the north-west coast of the main Bahrain island near the town of Jitra with a triangle of towns in Saudi Arabia's eastern province.

Nepal to set clocks ahead by 5 minutes

KATHMANDU (R) — Nepal was expected to set its clocks forward by five minutes at midnight Friday night, the government said. The adjustment, making Nepal standard time five hours and 45 minutes ahead of Greenwich Mean Time, takes effect at the start of the Nepalese New Year. Officials said the change would make it easier to calculate international time periods.

India exports human skeletons

NEW DELHI (R) — India exported human skeletons and bones to 21 countries during the year ending in March, the government said Friday. In a written reply to parliament, Minister of State for Commerce P.A. Sangma said exports of "human skeletons and parts thereof" were permitted by police and port authorities for medical purposes. Skeletons and bones had been exported to countries including the United States, France, West Germany, Israel, Britain, Kuwait, Iraq, Australia and Singapore.

Part of Arab wall uncovered in Madrid

MADRID (R) — City officials have said that archaeologists have uncovered important Arab ruins in Spain — part of the wall which once surrounded Madrid. Excavation of the wall, built by Arabs during the early part of their nearly 800-year occupation of Spain, has been going on for two months. Officials told reporters 150 metres of wall had been found and that archaeologists hoped to find other remains. The Madrid city government, which is funding the digging, has set aside 50 million pesetas (about \$263,000) to develop a park around the old wall.

4,200 Indian children given for adoption

NEW DELHI (R) — A total of 4,197 Indian children were given for adoption to foreign parents between 1980 and 1984, parliament was told. Maragatham Chandrasekar, minister of state for social and women's welfare, said the children, nearly all orphans, could only be taken abroad for adoption with the permission of a court. Only domestic and foreign child welfare agencies recognised by the Indian government were allowed to handle such adoptions, she added.

Sweden to crack down on birds theft

STOCKHOLM (R) — Sweden is launching a campaign against the theft of birds of prey and their eggs, greatly sought after by falconers in West Germany and the Arab World. Hundreds of volunteers will guard the nests of the rarest birds this summer and the public is being asked to help detect thieves. Soren Svensson, chairman of Sweden's Ornithological Society, told a news conference. According to Peter Lindberg of the Swedish Society for the Conservation of Nature, the rare Arctic Gyrfalcon is the main target of thieves in the Nordic area.

Child dies of AIDS

LONDON (R) — An 18-month-old boy who had had a blood transfusion in the United States has become the first child in Britain to die from the killer disease AIDS, doctors have said. A spokesman for London's Great Ormond Street Hospital, where the child died, said he had had the transfusion in the United States shortly after he was born. He became Britain's 89th AIDS victim. AIDS — Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome — mostly affects homosexuals.

GOREN BRIDGE

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q.1 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ J83 ♠ 95 ♠ A63 ♠ KQ6
 The bidding has proceeded:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 ?
 What do you bid now?
 Q.2 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ AKJ52 ♠ A85 ♠ J6 ♠ 1072
 The bidding has proceeded:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
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 What action do you take?
 Q.3 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ 93 ♠ A10892 ♠ K6 ♠ AQJ3
 The bidding has proceeded:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 ?
 What do you bid now?
- Q.4 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ 83 ♠ A10892 ♠ K6 ♠ AQJ3
 The bidding has proceeded:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
 ?
 What do you bid now?
 Q.5 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ AQ654 ♠ 52 ♠ KQ3 ♠ K52
 The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 4 ♠ Pass ?
 What action do you take?
 Q.6 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ 983 ♠ AK6 ♠ J32 ♠ 10653
 The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
 2 ♠ Pass ?
 What action do you take?